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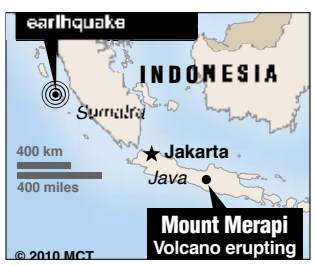

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EARLY VOTING RULES

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Source: Public Law 17-16, which amended Public Law 17-11

TAKING A STAND HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Community members join the "Men Against Violence Walk" from the Oleai Beach Pavilion to the Quarter Master Road intersection and back yesterday afternoon, as part of the observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Among those who joined the annual walk were Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, and CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo.

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Knight also awarded sole-source contract for $48K

» Fitial administration says contract 'not fully executed'

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Knight

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial awarded in June a $48,000 sole-source contract to Lynn Knight for "public relations and administrative support in Washington, D.C." but press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the contract—supposed to expire on Dec. 31, 2010—has "not been fully executed" because a "notice to proceed" was not issued.

The contract amount and scope of work are based on Knight's 13-page contract, Fitial's June 2 letter justifying the proposed contract, and a memorandum on the completion of the contract's processing, copies of which were

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New Yorker insists having 2 children with Hillblom

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San Francisco lawyers Robert A. Julian and Duane C. Musfelt outside the CNMI Supreme Court after yesterday's hearing over an appeal to re-open Larry Hillblom's probate.

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Sally Bauer, a Buffalo, New York resident who claims to have two children fathered by the late multimillionaire Larry L. Hillblom, went before the CNMI Supreme Court yesterday in an attempt to re-open the Hillblom estate.

Associate justice John A. Manglona and associate justice pro tempore Edward Manibusan placed Bauer's appeal under advisement.

Manglona said they would also issue an order whether to accept

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Rota, Tinian lawmakers: Froilan merely retaliating

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Rota and Tinian lawmakers said yesterday that House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio's (Cov-Saipan) statements questioning the eligibility of Rota and Tinian municipalities' employees to receive retirement benefits is a "retaliation" against lawmakers who voted down his bill to legalize casino operation on Saipan.

The Senate killed Tenorio's bill during a ses-

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'Fight vs domestic violence continues to this day'

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo said the public campaign against domestic violence continues up to this day.

"The Domestic Violence Awareness Month every October serves to constantly remind us that this battle is not over," said Govendo during the Walk Against Domestic Violence yesterday afternoon.

The annual walk is part of the 16th Domestic Violence Awareness Month celebration sponsored by the Family Violence Task Force.

Govendo, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, and U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan led the walk, which started from Oleai Beach Pavilion to the old tank across Quartermaster Road and back.

Govendo said the walk aims to remember all victims of domestic violence "who paid the ultimate prize." He named these individuals who have passed away for being victims of domestic violence.

"The [Walk Against Domestic Violence] is here to make sure domestic violence doesn't happen anymore," Govendo told participants.

Maisie B. Tenorio, Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director, said over 100 community members took part in yesterday's walk.

"I'm happy with the turnout. It shows that people are conscious about the issue and the importance and significance of domestic violence awareness," Tenorio told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Tenorio, the domestic violence awareness walk conveys to the public, particularly the victims of this crime, that there is an existing support group that can help them.

Tenorio said this year's observance is significant because they partnered with breast cancer advocates and combined two awareness walks.

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DHS files 18 new removal cases

The Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement has filed 18 new removal cases before the Saipan U.S. Immigration Court.

David C. Anderson, a federal immigration judge from Los Angeles, California, heard the 18 new cases plus 14 others that were earlier filed in the last three days.

Anderson was also on Saipan in January 2010 and heard 13 removal cases.

On Tuesday, the judge heard the new removal cases filed against Noel Bautista, Le Xiang Chen, Min Jin, Hilario Angui, Etumai Felix Mtoched, Dianne Marie Redor Sablan, Catherine Aldan Torculas, Wen Nai Wu, and Zhe Liu.

Anderson is expected to hear today, Thursday, the new cases against Zhizhong Guan, Rumei Huang, Guo Rong Chen, Dong Hyen Kim, Edwin Ochona Belgica, Hongyan Shi, Wenqing Zhu, Jianli Tan, and Leandro Mercado Medrano.

Saipan Tribune noted that many of the respondents in the new cases have criminal convictions.

Many cases that were filed earlier were heard yesterday.

At least three persons failed to show up at the hearing in the last two days, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

With the filing of 18 new cases, *Saipan Tribune* counted over 80 removal cases that have been filed with the Saipan Immigration Court since the federalization law took effect on Nov. 28, 2009. Many had already been declared removable but were allowed to voluntarily depart the CNMI. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Balanchandra is CHC's new medical chief

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Dr. Shirish Balanchandra has been appointed as the Commonwealth Health Center's new medical director, a position left vacant by Dr. Richard Brostrom.

The appointment paper, issued on Monday, also named him the Division of Public Health program manager for the chest clinic's TB program.

Balanchandra

Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez asked for all employees' cooperation as Balanchandra takes on his new role at the hospital.

Saipan Tribune learned that Dr. Balanchandra is one of the emergency doctors on rotation at the ER.

He was born in Illinois and grew up in Los Angeles, California and lived in India, Honduras, France and Cameroon, where he worked as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, serving Somali and Liberia refugees in the area.

It was also learned that Dr. Balachandra studied molecular biology and French literature at the University of California Berkeley and went to medical school at McGill University in Montréal, Canada.

In May 2008, he moved to the island with his wife, April, the hospital's nursing director, and children.

The medical director position became vacant in August when Brostrom resigned. He was both the hospital's medical director and manager for the TB program.

Brostrom, who relocated to Hawaii for another medical position, was with the department for almost a decade and was the attending physician at the hospital's chest clinic.

Last week, the hospital reported a total of 24 physicians onboard, including two locums—short-term hires.

DPH officials said recruitment is ongoing for more CHC physicians.

Ex-convict gets prison sentence for forging daughter's 2 checks

A female ex-convict who forged her daughter's checks to buy six car tires and a car battery was sentenced yesterday at 67 days in prison.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos sentenced Lillian T. Duenas to five years in prison, all suspended except for 67 days, with credit for the seven days she had already served in jail.

The 46-year-old Duenas will start serving her sentence on Nov. 3, 2010. After completing it, she will be placed on five years of supervised probation.

Duenas was also ordered to pay $669 to the victim, Han's Corp., a $500 fine, a $100 court assessment fee, plus probation fee.

Inos said the sentence does not bar the victim from seeking the remaining statutory damages pursuant to the Bad Checks Act.

Duenas was also required to write a letter of apology to Han's Corp. and to her daughter, Lauren T. Duenas.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Duenas with two counts of issuance of bad checks and two counts of forgery. Duenas pleaded guilty to the charges as part of a plea agreement. She was represented by chief public defender Adam Hardwicke.

Duenas forged two checks belonging to her daughter on Dec. 4, 2009.

This was Duenas' second conviction. In January 1999, she was sentenced to 70 days in prison for stealing money from several alien workers by falsely stating that she could hire them directly. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Female bicyclist hit by car sues driver

A woman who was hit by a car while riding a bicycle along Beach Road in Chalan Piao is suing the vehicle's driver.

Kimiko Hasegawa, through counsel Bruce Berline, sued Erberto Bonilla Aninzo for negligence and is seeking damages and court costs.

Berline stated in the complaint that on Dec. 6, 2008, at 10:30am, Aninzo was driving his 1990 Toyota Corolla southeast on the inner lane of Beach Road.

At the same time, Hasegawa was riding her bike along the edge of the outer lane of Beach Road, heading southeast toward Pacific Islands Club.

Berline said Aninzo suddenly made a right turn from the inner lane of Beach Road across the outer lane, with the intention of entering the parking lot of the Gold Ribbon Restaurant.

As Aninzo made the right turn from the inner lane, he failed to see Hasegawa on her bicycle along Beach Road's outer lane, Berline said.

As a result, Berline said his client was unable to avoid being hit by Aninzo.

He said that Hasegawa's bicycle hit the passenger side of Aninzo's vehicle, causing her severe bodily injury and mental distress. The bicycle was also damaged.

Berline said that in an obvious attempt to circumvent the required provisions of the Mandatory Liability Auto Insurance Act, Aninzo attempted to cancel the motor vehicle liability insurance policy after successfully renewing the vehicle's registration. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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No CNMI official going to Guam for Clinton's visit

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No CNMI official at this time is set to go to Guam to meet with U.S. State Secretary Hillary Clinton when she swings by Guam on her way to Hanoi, Vietnam from Hawaii.

Clinton's Oct. 27 to Nov. 8 Asia-Pacific trip begins in Hawaii and ends in Australia. She will also be going to Cambodia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. Clinton also added Hainan Island, China to her trip.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that "it appears that Clinton will be in Hawaii tomorrow and Saturday. She would probably be in Guam on Saturday or Sunday."

"At this point, the administration has not received any official briefs from Secretary Clinton or GovGuam concerning the travel schedule of Clinton and her engagement schedule in Guam," he said.

Guam Gov. Felix Camacho extended invitations to CNMI Gov. Benigno R. Fitial when President Obama was scheduled to visit Guam early this year. That trip was postponed.

Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, confirmed Clinton's stopover in Guam during a news briefing in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday about Clinton's travel to the Asia-Pacific region.

A transcript of the briefing is posted on the U.S. State Department's website.

Clinton's first stop will be Hawaii. She will fly to Guam on her way to Hanoi, Vietnam.

In Guam, Clinton will meet with U.S. forces and troops that are stationed there or are moving through, Campbell said.

"She will also have a bilateral meeting with the governor and also representatives from Guam there on the base. From there, we will proceed directly to Hanoi," Campbell said.

HILLBLOM

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Bauer's filing of some documents that were submitted late.

Bauer, who is currently in New York, appeared at the hearing via telephone. She has no lawyer.

Bauer insisted that she personally knew Hillblom and that she has evidence to support her claim that Hillblom is the father of her son and daughter.

Bauer in essence appealed to the high court to reverse then Superior Court judge Alexandro Castro's ruling that denied her request to re-open the Hillbom estate.

She had sought the re-opening of the Hillblom estate and the appointment of a new special administrator to determine her and her children's heirship claims and their share of the estate's $30 million insurance policy.

Robert A. Julian, counsel for the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation, and Duane C. Musfelt, counsel for the American International Specialty Lines Insurance Co., objected to the re-opening and they asked the high court to affirm Castro's ruling.

Julian said it is "way too late" to re-open the probate.

"Castro worked hard to close the case," Julian told *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing.

Julian said they don't believe Bauer ever met Hillblom and pointed out that seven lawyers had already represented Bauer in her claim.

Bauer allegedly became aware that Hillblom may have been the father of her two children after seeing a Dateline TV program about the late millionaire.

The distributees once offered Bauer $175,000 to resolve her claim, but she apparently turned it down. The offer was said to be made to spare the distributees from paying attorneys' fees.

Distributees refer to Hillblom's Charitable Trust (Foundation) and four DNA-proven Hillblom children—Junior Larry Hillbroom, Mercedita Feliciano, Jellian Cuartero, and Nguyen Be Lory.

The distributees agreed to secure their obligation to reimburse each other for such litigation with an insurance policy of $30 million.

Julian cited previous court orders that effectively bar late heirship claims in this case.

Julian said the court should protect their distributed assets and everlasting peace by enforcing the bar orders.

Musfelt, counsel for the distributees' insurer—the American International Speciality Lines Insurance Co.—said there's no evidence whatsoever to support Bauer's claims.

Musfelt noted that Bauer had filed a motion to go after the insurance company in 2005 and that Judge Castro had denied the motion.

That ruling was never appealed, he said.

"In order to prove her claim, she must prove her heirship," Musfelt said.

He admitted that they're aware of Bauer's claim in 2001 after seeing her letter.

Musfelt said his client issued an indemnification policy and not a liability policy.

In 2000, Castro closed the Hillblom probate estate and guaranteed the distributees "everlasting peace" in this case.

Hillblom was the founder of DHL, the world's largest courier delivery service. He died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters on May 21, 1995. He left an estimated $600 million to $700 million assets.

A total of eight women, including Bauer, claimed to have had children from Hillblom.

KNIGHT

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obtained by *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Knight was previously the governor's representative in Washington, D.C. Before that, she was publisher of the *Saipan Tribune*.

She is now project manager for Management Analysis Inc., the Virginia-based private consulting firm that bagged a $254,459.12, federally-funded contract from the Fitial administration to conduct a desk audit of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

MAI president Arthur L. Smith clarified, though, that Knight "did not participate in writing the desk audit proposal, was not a member of the desk audit team, and did not participate in these studies, because this is not her area of focus."

Demapan said that Knight's contract states that the agreement is effective upon issuance of the notice to proceed.

"But while the contract was signed by all signatories, we never issued a notice to proceed. She has not done anything covered by this contract," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked for comment about the contract.

Had the contract been fully executed, Knight would have billed the government for work done, he said.

But Demapan said the government did not issue a notice to proceed, meaning she was not asked to do something covered by the contract "so there's no reason for Knight to bill the government."

Had Knight billed the government for work done covered by the contract, Demapan said the money would have come from the governor's office account.

"This is not federally funded. The funding would have come from the local government," he said.

The governor, in his June 2 memo justifying the proposed contract for Knight, said that pursuant to Section 70-30.3-225 (a)(7), sole-source procurement is permitted "for policy consultants of the governor, lieutenant governor, and presiding officers of the Legislature."

"In addition to this, the Executive Branch does not maintain an office in Washington, D.C. and finds that having a liaison will help bridge the gap between the local and national governments," Fitial told the director of the Procurement and Supply Division in a June 22 memo.

The governor said Knight's expertise as a professional business executive and a long-time resident of the CNMI "will serve as effective and instrumental tools in her ability to perform her duties pursuant to the proposed contract while in Washington, D.C. As the expenditure authority, I hereby determine that entering into this contract with Ms. Knight will be highly beneficial to the Commonwealth," Fitial said.

VOTERS

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According to assistant attorney general Meaghan Hassel Shearer yesterday, voters should be aware that when they sign their name on their requests for early voting, they are swearing under penalty of perjury.

"If, at a later date, a voter is found to have perjured him- or herself, they are subject to fines of up to $5,000 and imprisonment for up to five years. Therefore, we would strongly caution individuals against early voting unless they meet one of the requirements," she said.

She said AGO has received more complaints of voter intimidation and she reiterated the secrecy of one's ballot.

"Rest assured, no one will know who an individual has voted for," she added.

Shearer pointed out that, under Public Law 17-16, a voter is allowed to vote early only if he or she would be unable vote on Election Day due to business reasons; travel; service in the U.S. military; medical treatment; government representation; or to accompany a household member who is engaged in any of the activities listed above.

"Only voters who meet one of these requirements and cannot make it to the polling place at any time on Nov. 2, 2010, between 7am and 7pm are allowed to vote early," Shearer told *Saipan Tribune*.

Furthermore, she added that under Public Law 17-11, all businesses are now required to allow their employees time to vote on Election Day.

She admitted that some concerns were raised to the OAG's attention due to the higher than expected number of voters in just the first week of early voting.

"There is a concern about the number of early voters because in previous years, the Election Commission only received approximately 400 emergency absentee ballot requests," she said.

Based on the Election Commission website (www.votecnmi.gov.mp), there are 998 registered absentee voters in the CNMI as of Oct. 14. Since the start of early voting on Oct. 22, more than a thousand voters have participated in the early voting process.

The Department of Justice, meanwhile, provided the hotline number 1-800-253-3931 (TTY line 1-877-267-8971) for any election-related complaints.

"This is the number to call if anyone feels that their voting rights are not being respected, rather than for those with questions about how or where to vote. Note, too, that this is wholly nonpartisan, official work. If you should know of any groups or individuals, feel free to share," says the Congressional Hispanic Caucus news release.

LAWMAKERS

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sion on Tinian in September.

Unlike Tinian and Rota voters who approved casino operations on their islands, Saipan voters twice rejected a similar initiative on the island.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said the speaker "has been bitter since his casino bill was defeated."

"It's obvious that all this is retaliation against those who did not vote for his casino bill. It's not that we do not want Saipan to have a casino, but we can't ignore the Saipan people's will. Saipan voters rejected it already. We tell the speaker to offer a popular initiative and hear directly from Saipan voters. Let them decide about legalizing casinos on Saipan," Cruz told *Saipan Tribune.*

'Uncalled for, unbecoming of speaker'

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) said the speaker's continuous attacks on Tinian and Rota employees are "uncalled for and unbecoming of a speaker.

Santos said that government employees had the option in l980 whether to join or not the retirement fund program. However, in 1989, after the establishment of the Retirement Fund's class I and class II, government employees were mandated to become members of the Fund, thus government employees who have vested services or contributed to the Fund should be eligible for retirement benefits.

"It is my knowledge and understanding that there is only one CNMI [and that Rota and Tinian make up the CNMI], one CNMI government and one CNMI retirement fund program. Based on that knowledge and understanding, we can conclude that any employee of Rota and Tinian who work for the CNMI government is an employee of that government, have contributed or is a contributing member to the Fund, and therefore should be an eligible member to retirement fund benefits," she said.

Tenorio had stripped Santos of her chairmanship of the House Natural Resources Committee, saying Santos had been voting with the minority bloc during sessions to tackle the fiscal year 2011 budget.

The speaker also told his colleagues during Tuesday's session that he offered Santos a deal for her to convince senators to pass his casino bill in exchange for $1.8 million funding for the Rota Casino Gaming Control Commission. Santos said such statement is "misleading and inaccurate."

Timing is suspect

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said he will seek a legal opinion about the concerns raised by the speaker.

"The timing of his concern makes me wonder whether this is retaliation for the casino [bill] vote. I like to think that it's not; that he's only concerned about the health of the Retirement Fund," Manglona said.

Cruz also said the speaker should focus more on revenue-generating measures so the CNMI government can get out of the drastic 16-hour work cuts "and stop the suffering of our people."

Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) said he "totally disagrees" with the speaker's statement that casino commissioners may not be eligible for retirement benefits.

"Why can't they be eligible when they are part of the CNMI government and are contributing members of the retirement program?" he asked.

Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) said the speaker has a legitimate issue "but all parameters should be analyzed and solutions should be looked into instead of the sake of argument and political backstabbing."

Tenorio initially questioned the eligibility of former Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission members' to receive retirement benefits, saying "these individuals are not employees of the Commonwealth government and therefore should not be members of the Retirement Fund.

He later on expanded this to include the eligibility of Rota and Tinian municipalities' employees and officials.

Tenorio, a former governor, cited, among other things, a May 2003 response to a certified question submitted to the U.S. District Court for the NMI which concluded that "the Municipality of Tinian and Aguingan is a chartered municipality such that it can sue and be sued."

Cruz said "it is obvious that the speaker is attacking Tinian casino commissioners."

"Those commissioners he was talking about worked for the government for over 20 years before they became casino commissioners. There's no reason why they can't receive retirement benefits if they are contributing members of the Retirement Fund," Cruz said.

As water pressure goes up, CUC is finding more leaks

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More leaks are being found in roads and along highways on the island—problems that have existed for several years now, according to Abe Utu Malae, acting executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

He described a leak on the 16-inch main line in As Terlaje as "awful" as it had ruined the middle of the highway, plus 100 feet down the hill. CUC crew reported that water flowed underneath the asphalt, damaged the sub-base and caused the asphalt surface to buckle.

Malae said that repair work in this area was delayed because communication cables were right on top of the water line.

He cited the old metal pipes and poor bedding as main factors behind the leak because it allowed the pipe to come in contact with sharp rocks.

"The metal pipe failures are from old age and corrosion," said Malae, adding that repair for the As Terlaje leaks will cost about $90,000.

The increase in the number of leaks that have been detected began in early September in Tanapag.

Since last week, Malae said, CUC crews have repaired leaks in several areas including two in front of Herman's Bakery; two on Laulau/Isa Drive; two in Dandan near the Marianas Baptist Academy; two on Navy Hill; and the largest one in As Terlaje, where a total of about 400 gallons of water per minute were wasted.

Malae described the As Terlaje leak as alarming for several reasons. The entire 16-inch plastic pipe length was split longitudinally and was resting like a seesaw on a hard rock, which means there was insufficient bedding when the pipeline was laid and the inspectors did not catch this deficiency.

Secondly, Malae said, the communication conduits were laid on top of the pipe and so repairs were delayed because the crew had to approach the excavation of the pipe length from the side instead of from the top. Also, the water from the leak undermined the sub-base and that is why the asphalt in the area is wavy and bumpy as motorists drive on it.

He said the small galvanized iron pipes are at least 50 years old and are failing on a regular basis as pressure increases in the distribution system.

"The more leaks are repaired, the higher the pressure in that particular distribution subsystem," he said.

CUC has about 10,000 water customers on island. At present, Malae said, there are about 3,000 customers that require working flow meters.

"The more meters are installed, the less water is consumed by customers and the higher the pressures," explained Malae, citing the situation of Oleai where it receives longer water hours because of the higher pressures and availability of water.

"The challenges are many besides the leak repairs. For example, as the water pressure drops in a particular sub-system, the customers living on the upper fringes of the service area are the first to run out of water. Normally, if a prospective customer that lives above the service zone applies for water, the application is denied—but that has not been the case for about a dozen customers on Saipan," he said.

CDA eyes creative marketing campaign

The Commonwealth Development Authority wants to promote itself to different members of the community through various marketing strategies.

Loan manager Oscar C. Camacho said the agency is looking at different approaches in promoting its programs to existing clients as well as potential investors in the CNMI.

Camacho said Delta Air Lines submitted a proposal involving a five-minute advertisement in all its domestic and international flights for a fee of $49,500 per month.

According to Camacho, the American airline said the advertisement will reach out some 2.6 million viewers.

He said the offer is a good way to promote the islands and encourage more tourists and investors to visit the Commonwealth.

"It's an opportunity that's out there," he added.

Camacho said they have also begun talks with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce to attract more investments to the CNMI.

Board member Marcie Tomokane said the agency can partner with other government agencies such as the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Commonwealth Ports Authority to avail of the Delta promotion and split the advertising costs.

Tomokane said CDA can also look into promoting the agency through radio and television advertisements to give the agency media exposure in the Marianas region. ***(Clarissa David)***

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Kilili backs better burial benefits for nation's veterans

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is urging the Obama administration to increase funding for veterans' burial benefits as authorized under the Veterans Benefits Act of 2010. Sablan joined several other members of Congress this week in writing to the Office of Management and Budget, which is responsible for putting together the President's fiscal 2012 budget for release in February.

"The Veterans Benefits Act increased the burial and funeral benefit as well as the plot allowance for nonservice-related deaths from $300 to $700," Sablan said. "Now we need to make sure that the money is in the budget, so veterans and the families of veterans have the support they need."

President Obama signed the Veterans Benefits Act into law on Oct. 13 and members of Congress are now working to ensure that the funding authorized in the Act is actually available in the President's 2012 budget.

"Congress can, of course, appropriate whatever amount we choose," Sablan said. "But it is always a better strategy to get the funding level you want in the President's budget.

"Our letter to OMB acting director Jeffrey Zients makes the case that the current burial benefit and plot allowance are inadequate, falling far short of the amount veterans actually pay for their funeral expenses.

"But the increase provided in the Benefits Act will help the families of veterans meet the rising cost of funeral expenses for their loved one." said Sablan. "It is the least we can do for our veterans who have honorably served our country."

The plot allowance was introduced in 1973 as an effort to help veterans who did not have reasonable access to a national cemetery. Although neither the plot allowance nor the burial allowances were intended to cover the full cost of a civilian burial in a private cemetery, the increase in the benefit's value indicates the intent to provide a meaningful benefit by adjusting for inflation. At its inception, the payout covered 72 percent of the funeral cost for a service-connected death, 22 percent for a non service-connected death, and 54 percent of the burial plot cost.

While the burial benefit has increased by only 2.5 times, the cost of a funeral has increased by nearly seven times since 1973, leaving families and state veterans' cemeteries to cover the increasing costs.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a partial reimbursement of burial and funeral costs for eligible veterans. When the cause of death is not service related, two payments are provided: 1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot or interment allowance.

For additional information on VA Burial Allowances or to apply for burial benefits, go to http://www.cem.va.gov/bbene_burial.asp. ***(PR)***

23 CNMI artists take part in Guam arts fair

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REPORTER

Twenty-three traditional and visual artists participated in the recently concluded 23rd Guam Micronesia Island Fair.

The annual fair, held from Oct. 15 to 17 at the Ypao Beach Park, drew thousands of visitors from neighboring Pacific islands and other nations to witness the event.

This year's theme was "Celebrating the Tastes of Micronesia."

Lucille T. Ayuyu, Arts Council traditional and visual arts coordinator, said the 23 artists from the CNMI financed their own airfares to Guam.

Ayuyu told *Saipan Tribune* that the Arts Council made arrangements with the Guam Visitors Bureau to sponsor their hotel, meals, and transportation accommodations.

The local artists returned to Saipan on Oct. 18.

"We had local artists to represent the CNMI and it was all good. Most of the artists were able to sell their artworks," she said.

Ayuyu said the Arts Council is now gearing up for the Island Artists and Christmas Art Exhibit this December.

The monthlong exhibit aims to help local artists display and promote their artworks and find suitable markets for their products.

The Island Artists and Christmas Art Exhibit is one of three major exhibits organized by the Arts Council each year. The other two are the Women's Exhibit in March and the Pacifica Arts and Cultural Exhibit in September.

Ayuyu said they expect more participation from local artists this December.

Although the Arts Council has not yet identified the exhibit venue, Ayuyu said local artists who are interested in participating may now register with the council.

For more information, contact Ayuyu at 322-9982 or 9983.

Zoning begins law amendment talks

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The Commonwealth Zoning Board has begun preliminary discussions on the revision of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008 during its meeting and public hearing Monday night.

Zoning administrator Douglas Wyatt presented to the board the proposed amendments, including changes recommended by former administrator Steve Tilley.

Wyatt told *Saipan Tribune* that the discussion focused mainly on Article 1, the definitions component of the law. The board talked about redefining terminologies that were used throughout the zoning law text.

Among the terms to be redefined were access, landowner, nonconformity, nonconforming use and structure, building sign, massage parlor, temporary window sign, tower height, window pane, and wind turbine. The board also recommended additional definitions and changes on certain terms.

Legal counsel Kate Fuller said the objective is to try to make the terms simpler for everybody, which could be challenging for the board.

"It's hard to draft something that's both easy to understand and legally sufficient," added Fuller.

Wyatt said the meeting also discussed in passing Article 2 or applicability, interpretation and construction as well as Article 3 or the duties and responsibilities of the board, the zoning administrator and other entities related to the administration of the zoning law.

Wyatt said he is pleased that the discussions have started and "went pretty well."

Despite putting out advertisements in the paper about the meeting, no members of the public attended Monday's meeting.

Wyatt said the lack of participation from the public during the first round of discussion is reasonable as "text amendments are kind of dry."

He expressed hope that later discussions of zoning amendments will generate more interest from the public, particularly Article 4 or the Zoning Districts and Allowable Uses.

"It would be much more satisfying if there are members of the community who will take time to hear the amendments and make suggestions," he said.

Wyatt invited the public to the meeting's continuation at 2pm today at the Zoning Office conference room at the Joeten Building in Dandan.

ChaCha Ocean View PTA meeting today

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having a PTSA meeting today, Oct. 28, 2010, from 5pm to 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

ChaCha Ocean View staff is encouraging all parents, guardians, and the community to attend the meeting. Call the school at 037-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. ***(PR)***

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DESPITE SUPPORT FOR LAWSUIT VS MERRILL LYNCH

CRA no plans of joining case for now

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Despite supporting the lawsuit filed by three retirees against the Retirement Fund's former investment consultant, the Commonwealth Retirees Association, through its chairman, Juan M. Sablan, said yesterday that the group has yet to decide whether it will formally join the suit as plaintiffs.

Merrill Lynch, the Fund's long-time investment consultant, was sued by retirees Mariano Taitano, Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero for allegedly charging the Fund excessive amounts and undisclosed fees, resulting in the loss of millions of dollars in investment funds.

They also alleged that Merrill Lynch gave the Fund bad financial advice that resulted in great financial losses for the Fund's investments.

The three earlier asked the Fund's trustees to join them in the lawsuit so they will have a stronger case in court but the board refused.

The trustees, who were included as respondents in the case against Merrill Lynch, were offered to be removed from respondents' list if they will side with the retirees.

Sablan said CRA respects the position of the trustees in this particular case.

"We have to review and analyze fully the case…but at this time, CRA has no plans of joining the three as formal plaintiffs in the case," Sablan said.

Besides, there's been no such request made to the group for its formal participation in the lawsuit, he said.

"We support all means that would help improve the financial standing of our pension program…and I believe this is the ultimate aim of the plaintiffs in this case. But like the board of trustees, the association has to undergo a comprehensive review of the issue before we can discuss and vote for a position," he said.

Meantime, Sablan said that many retirees remain skeptical about the case filed by the clients of private lawyer Bruce Jorgensen against the Fund, and would therefore not in any way join or support the lawsuit—even if it is fighting for the retirees' money.

Two reasons were earlier cited for their skepticism: fear of receivership and the questionable credibility of Jorgensen himself.

Fund officials said they could not comment on these issues as the cases are in litigation.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 28, 1999

NMI's hemodialysis unit lauded

The California-based Transpacific Renal Network has given recognition to the renal hemodialysis section of the Commonwealth Health Center as one of the top units that provide quality care to patients undergoing dialysis. Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said such accomplishment shows the commitment of the hospital in making sure that the best possible care is provided to the people in the community. "It was a lot of hard work for everyone in the team to earn this recognition considering the problems we had to hurdle," he said. Dr. Hilmer Negrete, director of hemodialysis unit of CHC, said the team has to submit regular progress report to each patient undergoing dialysis treatment to Transpacific Network.

DEQ probes oil dumping incident

The Division of Environmental Quality is investigating the illegal dumping of approximately 220 gallons of used motor oil in San Antonio. According to a press release, DEQ searched the premises of a resident in San Antonio, where the agency's staff found substantial amount of what appeared to be oil buried beneath 12 inches of loose, sandy oil. DEQ's move was prompted by a tip received by the office. Subsequent excavation revealed even larger amounts of dark liquid. A preliminary test determined that the contaminant also contained chlorine. Because the investigation is continuing throughout the week, a decision regarding the issuance of a citation or fine has not been made.

Oct. 28, 2002

PCB worries hold of homestead project

Another homestead project has been put on hold following a warning that the area may be contaminated with PCB. According to the Marianas Public Lands Authority, its homestead project on Capitol Hill, which covers about 18-20 lots, would need additional environmental evaluation. In an interview, MPLA Commissioner Bertha C. Deleon Guerrero said regulatory agencies could not release the permits for those lots due to possible PCB contamination. In the meantime, she said, the MPLA will reevaluate its options-whether to go ahead with a soil test or look for another suitable area. "The area is small as it is. The problem is that now we're going to have to spend more money to get this tested. What the regulatory agencies are saying is that this may be affected by PCB," she said.

Customs' amnesty box gets the ax

The Division of Customs gave up hopes that the entry of contrabands into the Northern Marianas will be minimized through a program that allows individuals to individually and confidentially dispose of the illegal items in an amnesty box strategically placed at the arrival lounge of the airport. Finding only garbage and litters inside the box, Customs Director Joe Mafnas said they decided that it was time for the amnesty box to be removed from the airport. "We removed the amnesty box for almost a year now. We were only finding garbage, and no contrabands were placed in there," said Mafnas. But in place of the amnesty box, the division started using its newly acquired X-ray machine that provides accurate details of packages entering the CNMI.

Oct. 28, 2003

CUC: Investors curious but no commitment

Japanese investors were very curious about the CNMI, but they have not made any business commitments, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. CUC board chairman Herman P. Sablan, who joined the one-day investment meeting in Tokyo last week, said close to 500 business people showed up for the event. "There were lots of curious people." Asked whether there was any investment interest on utility services, Sablan said the business group was "looking at the CNMI business environment in general." "There's no specific commitment but we talked with them. We need to follow up with them," said Sablan.

Inos, USDE officials meet on funding concerns

Education commissioner Rita H. Inos flew to Washington D.C. Sunday to talk with key officials from the U.S. Department of Education, following its decision to classify the CNMI Public School System as a high-risk grantee. Inos, who traveled to D.C. with PSS federal program officer William P. Matson, will be back this coming Sunday. "I instructed her [Inos] to meet with U.S. education officials to have better understanding of the issues. It's better that we meet with them personally," said Board of Education chairman Herman T. Guerrero.

KILILI SAYS HE WORKS FOR YOU. DOES HE REALLY?

EXPOSED: Kilili's Web of Lies.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 - Saipan Tribune:
"Permanent status for aliens with US citizen kids, and others."
Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan (D-MP) said yesterday that "there are discussions going that way," referring to a proposal to grant "long-term permanent residency" status to certain groups of individuals, including foreign workers with U.S. citizen children in the CNMI, those with U.S. and FAS citizen spouses and immediate relatives, and CNMI permanent residents."

Thursday, April 8, 2010 - Marianas Variety:
"Permanent residency plan for spouses of US citizens only."
CONGRESSMAN Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan says "the CNMI permanent residency plan beind discussed in the U.S. Senate is intended only for the foreign spouses of U.S. citizens currently residing on the islands who have yet to convert their status and not for long-term non-resident workers."

***In essence, Kilili claims the U.S. Senate came to him, BUT in H.R. 3658 and H.R. 4397, KILILI is the SOLE SPONSOR!**

KILILI has a bad habit of SAYING ONE THING, BUT DOING THE EXACT OPPOSITE!

THIS IS WHAT HE SAID IN 2010:

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - Marianas Variety:
"NO! to improved status without the NMI Support."
CONGRESSMAN Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan says "he will not let any CNMI Immigration-related legislation go through the U.S. Congress unless it is supported by the people of the Commonwealth."

BUT THIS IS WHAT HE DID IN 2009:

KILILI introduced 2 BILLS in the U.S. Congress in SUPPORT of IMPROVED STATUS for foreigners!

KILILI introduced H.R. 3658 and H.R. 4397 WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI!

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1. **KILILI supports improved status for ALL non-resident workers.**

2. **KILILI introduced 2 bills in support of improved status WITHOUT "the support of the people of the Commonwealth."**

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4. **Both bills would allow the children who were born in the CNMI to foreign parents "REGARDLESS" of their age to sponsor and change the status of their foreign parents.**

5. **H.R. 4397 would grant the U.S. Homeland Security the authority over foreign workers to waive any fees or registration requirements. Kilili's bill will give U.S. Homeland Security full authority over guest workers and the authority to decide who can be allowed to stay and who can be allowed to change their status.**

6. **H.R. 4397 has been referred to the Sub-committee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law since March 1, 2010. (Source: 111th Library of Congress)**

Kilili says, "These people are our neighbors, our friends, our relatives in many cases. We have to make sure that they continue to live and work in the Northern Mariana Islands, just as they always have. THIS IS THEIR HOME!"
(Source: September 2009 Kilili Archives)

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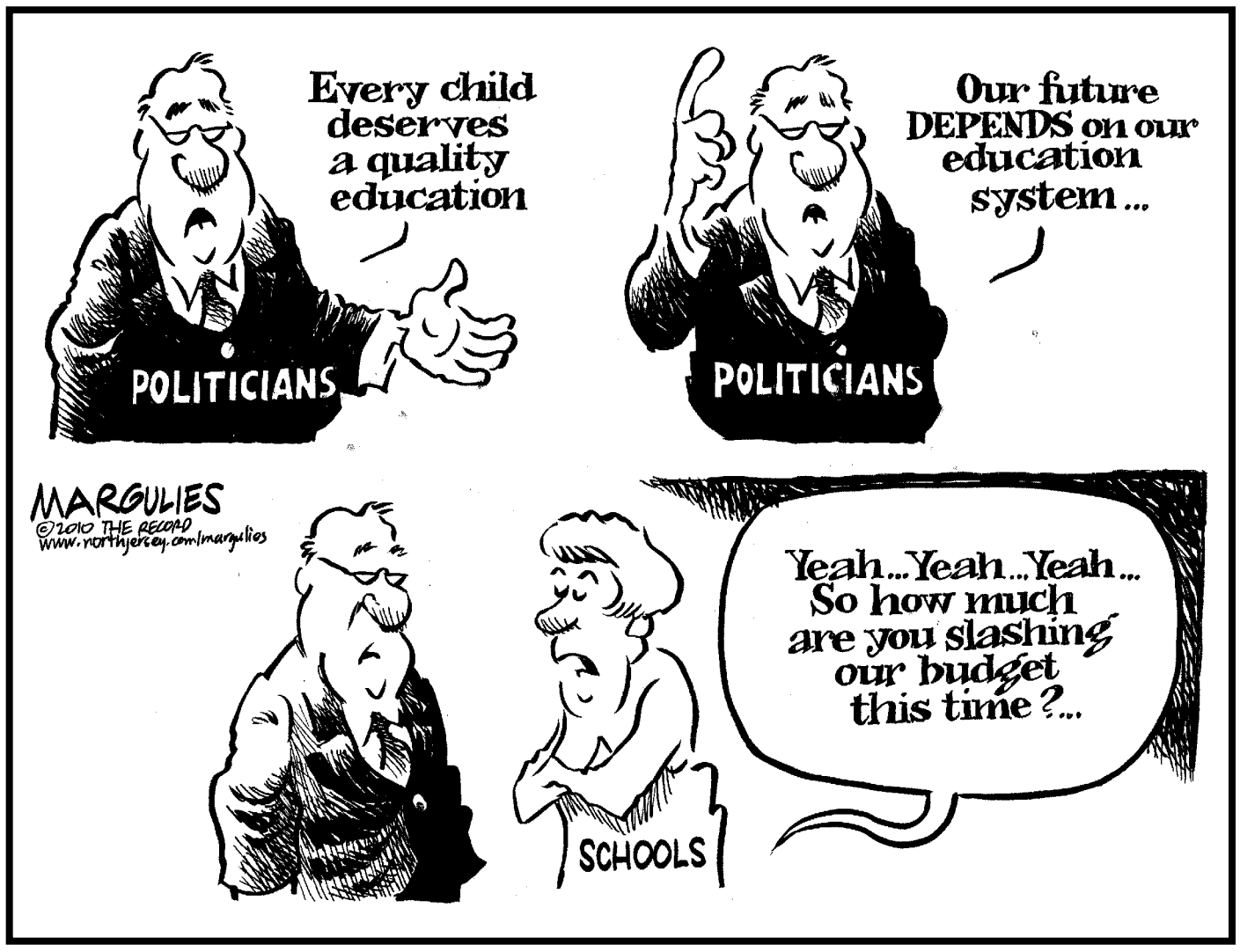

Poverty and prosperity

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Creating economic success for the CNMI

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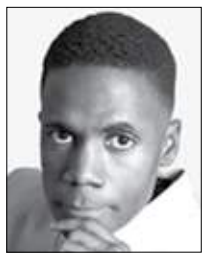
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Yes, the game is flawed. As I've said, this construct we call financial success, this idea we call wealth, this thing we call prosperity is based on a construct and a capitalist imperative that says, among other things, *consumerism is the order of the day*, *more is better, the Earth is ours to rape and pillage, we must keep getting richer and richer by any means necessary*. This "infinite growth through greed" concept is an unnatural construct imposed on the masses by ways of thought that are not in alignment with the natural order of things. To use a phrase that has become quite common these days: it is not sustainable.

In my conversations, I never make the mistake of saying one person is better or worse than—inferior or superior to—another simply because of their decision or ability to produce specific results in what I consider an inherently unnatural system. I would never make the mistake of assigning the tag of "bad" to a nation simply because they don't appear to be going along with a particular game as decided by foreign ways of thinking. *(There are some interesting books and articles about linear left-brain vs wholistic right-brain ways of thinking and viewing the world that make for interesting understanding.)*

For just as poverty is not an indication of inferiority, neither is wealth an indication of superiority, morally or otherwise. As we all know, some of the most morally bankrupt people on the planet can, and have accumulated hoards of wealth. (In fact, many may argue that, because the entire system is flawed in its underlying construct, alien to basic human nature and morally and ethically bankrupt itself, that success within it requires one to manifest the same qualities. I don't believe this to be true. I believe one can survive and thrive without selling one's soul.)

But, it's no excuse

Now, as unnatural as the construct may be, that's no excuse for poor performance. "*The test is hard, mommy, so it's OK if I fail"* wouldn't be accepted by your parents, or your teachers and it won't cut it here either.

It won't cut it, because there's also another law in effect: I call it the Second Law of Passion Dynamics. This law essentially says that you are naturally endowed with the means for your survival. You were sent or chose to come here to experience this plane of existence, and you have been given everything you need in order to function, survive and thrive—if you choose to.

Most of us *are*, for the most part, forced to play out our existence within this unnatural system. We have been born into the system as it exists. It's a powerfully constructed system. Encouragingly, many of us, at an early age, recognize the flaws, the injustices, the contradictions and lies of the system and fight against it, but then fall in line and play the game as it has been constructed. In this article, we won't be discussing how to change the system. We'll discuss how to survive within it.

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Suffering from EMS

"The worst day in a man's life is when he sits down and begins thinking about how he can get something for nothing."—Thomas Jefferson

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Do any of these characteristics describe someone you know at work or people who work at organizations you visit as a customer?

- They are lazy and show no sense of urgency.
- They are under-qualified for the positions they hold.
- They are wasteful with an organization's resources.
- Their work quality is poor and they have no pride in what they do.
- They are very good at looking busy, yet produce little results.
- They tend to keep others from doing their job by frequently chatting about non-work related issues.
- They consistently arrive late to work, take long lunch breaks, and often leave early.
- They expect a promotion or raise simply based on their years of service.

If you know of such individuals, then they may be suffering from EMS—Entitlement Mentality Syndrome. This is an ailment that can be far more debilitating than any physical illness because few individuals ever recover from it. Simply put, EMS causes people to expect something for nothing. They believe they are entitled to things without making any sacrifices or giving anything in return.

So what's wrong with wanting something for nothing? It's great to be given a gift, win a prize, hit the jackpot, or win the lottery, right? However, when individuals expect it regularly, it can become an addiction or a way of life for them. The real problem is that it lacks integrity. Most people equate integrity with honesty or truthfulness, but it really means the state of being complete or whole. To be whole means that you are in alignment with your "higher" self—that noble part of you that instinctively tells you that you should be honest with yourself and earn what you get. Regularly accepting things that are given freely without any expectations tend to corrupt our sense of integrity. It devalues the work ethic and encourages laziness and apathy.

After awhile, such individuals begin to feel entitled to the point of irrationality. They believe that someone will always bail them out of a tough situation, make excuses for them, give them another chance, pay their debt, or give them a job because of connections. They believe they're not responsible or accountable, there are no real consequences in life, and they have no motivation to work for anything.

With the current economic meltdown occurring throughout the world, many private and public sector organizations are faced with making hard decisions to keep afloat. Even more difficult is the decision to let some people go or reduce their work hours so that the organization can remain viable. There are many good workers who do more than what they are asked and produce more results than their colleagues, yet they will have to suffer the same fate as their EMS counterparts. This will create one of several results for the productive workers in an organization: they will leave and find another job for better hours or pay, they will stay and continue to work hard to maintain their job and hope the situation improves, or more likely, they will stay and sink into the ranks of the EMS drones.

As an employer or supervisor, if you notice any of your employees suffering from EMS, act fast so it will not metastasize throughout the organization. If you allow EMS to remain, it will contaminate your entire workforce and turn your organization into a purposeless, service-less shell of low motivated individuals who will hinder your organization from growth.

EMS is spreading through our society at an alarming rate and we are seeing its debilitating effects in our younger generation. There has never been a generation of children with the sense of privilege that our children have today. Many tend to think that they deserve to have whatever they want, do whatever they want, and whenever they want without having to earn it first. This mentality is the root cause of most of the problems experienced by parents. Children with EMS tend to be lazy, bored easily, have low motivation, and make a mess and expect someone else to clean it. The rising generation wants instant gratification and tends to be addicted to electronic gadgets and technology. They believe that if they want money, all they have to do is hold their hand out, or stand at an intersection with a bucket.

Entitlement is like a velvet-padded bear trap with one of the jaws taking away the virtues that a person needs to succeed in life like self-initiative, responsibility, inventiveness, independence, and pride in doing your best; while the other jaw gives people vices such as conceit, laziness, apathy, and indulgence. Once the EMS trap is set, it rarely lets go. A person may think they are free, but in reality they have surrendered themselves and become dependent upon a provider such as a parent, spouse, relative, employer, or the local or federal government.

If you knew something was harmful to someone else, would you sit back and say nothing. Parents, teachers, and employers need to take responsibility to stop the harmful behavior of EMS by teaching the values of contributing to society with the talents, skills, and knowledge individuals have acquired—to give back

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Potpourri

More about priority dates and avoiding consular processing, naturalization in the CNMI, and a minimum wage addendum

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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This week is a potpourri: we follow up on several items, some related, some not. We will discuss the November Visa Bulletin, some more good news for CNMI-resident immediate relatives of U.S. permanent residents, confusion about naturalization in the post-federalization CNMI and, finally, a little more about the minimum wage.

The Visa Bulletin

The Department of State's November Visa Bulletin is out, and once again the processing cutoff date has advanced for Category 2A, the immediate relatives of green card holders—that is, their spouses and unmarried children and stepchildren under 21 years old—but only by a couple of months. We'll have to wait for the December bulletin to see if the rapid advances of the past half year will continue. Here's the November chart for family-based immigration, with Category 2A highlighted:

Family	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	15FEB06	15FEB06	15FEB06	22DEC92	01APR97
2A	01JUN10	01JUN10	01JUN10	01MAR10	01JUN10
2B	01JUN05	01JUN05	01JUN05	22JUN92	01SEP02
3rd	01JUN02	01JUN02	01JUN02	22OCT92	01MAR95
4th	01JAN02	01JAN02	01JAN02	15DEC95	01APR91

Remember that the priority dates indicate that for each category, the government is processing applications filed before each date shown. The full November Visa Bulletin, with descriptions of each visa category, is available at http://tinyurl.com/2cbakg2.

More good news for Category 2A: CNMI processing for green cards

In our Sept. 15 column, we discussed the fact that U.S. citizens' immediate relatives living in the CNMI can now adjust status through USCIS on Saipan, regardless of where in the U.S. their citizen petitioners live. Prior to Nov. 28, 2009, the Covenant provided USCIS processing only for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens of U.S. citizen petitioners (with some exceptions) who also lived in the CNMI. If you were the immediate relative of a lawful permanent resident, it didn't matter where your sponsor lived: you had to apply through the Department of State, and your immigration interview usually took place in the designated U.S. Consulate in your home country. After USCIS opened its Application Support Center on Beach Road in Garapan in March 2009, it was frustrating for us to keep telling immediate relatives of permanent residents that everybody, petitioners and beneficiaries alike, would still have to travel to Manila, or Seoul, or Kathmandu for their interviews.

USCIS has now confirmed to us that CNMI-resident immediate relatives of petitioning U.S. permanent residents can now apply for permanent residence through USCIS and adjust status here, with interviews on Beach Road, without having to travel to their home countries. We have already applied to switch some of our Category 2A clients from Department of State to USCIS.

In our previous column we discussed why this is more important than just saving air fare: First, USCIS has better approval statistics and focuses primarily on proving the validity of the family relationships on which green card applications are based. Second, USCIS adjudicators are stationed here in the CNMI and, therefore, have become familiar with circumstances here. This is far better for applicants than having to deal with a consular officer who may or may not have heard of the CNMI, and who may or may not be familiar with the special legal situation here. (It's not just consular officers who may be ignorant. An attorney we know just visited Hawaii and had to prove to a customs officer that he was not an alien visiting from that foreign country, Saipan.)

Naturalizing in the CNMI: What the judge didn't say

People we've spoken with are confused about a recent decision by visiting Judge Philip M. Pro, denying naturalization to two U.S. permanent residents who have lived on Saipan for a number of years. Judge Pro held that, although the plaintiffs had each had their green cards for at least five years, they had not been continuously "inside" the U.S. for naturalization purposes prior to Nov. 28, 2009, because they did not live here as the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens also living here. The plaintiffs argued that the federalization law, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 or CNRA, cured any problems permanent residents might have had due to having been "outside" the U.S. Plaintiffs insisted that under the CNRA, they are entitled to have all their time in the CNMI count toward naturalization.

Here's the exact statutory provision, from CNRA Section 705(c), with the critical language emphasized:

Nothing in [the CNRA] shall be construed to make any residence or presence in the Commonwealth before [November 28, 2009] residence or presence in the United States, except that, for the purpose only of determining whether an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence…has abandoned or lost such status by reason of absence from the United States, such alien's presence in the Commonwealth before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act shall be considered to be presence in the United States.

Judge Pro decided that, although Section 705(c) protected the plaintiffs from losing their permanent residence even though they were "outside" the U.S. before Nov. 28, time spent here before Nov. 28 does not count toward the required five years of physical presence in the U.S. that they need before they can be naturalized as U.S. citizens. That is the same interpretation USCIS has taken, which we wrote about in our April 27, 2010 column.

So why are people confused? People are confused because a careless reading of Judge Pro's opinion suggests that permanent residents who live in the CNMI can't be naturalized at all. But that's not correct, and that's not what the judge said. The judge was only talking about those U.S. permanent residents who did need Section 705(c) to protect their status; in other words, permanent residents whose U.S. citizen sponsors did not also reside in the CNMI. Of course such permanent residents can accumulate their necessary five years after Nov. 28, 2009, anywhere in the U.S., including the CNMI.

By contrast, the law is clear that those permanent residents who lived here before Nov. 28 as the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens also living in the CNMI for the necessary period of time can be naturalized now; we have several such applicant clients right now. Those people were never in danger of losing their green cards based on their CNMI residence, and they did not need the protection of Section 705(c).

We have spoken with one of the plaintiffs, and we understand they intend to appeal. We wish them well, but in the meantime Judge Pro's ruling stands.

More about the minimum wage

Our last two columns discussed the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, or FLSA, and the minimum wage. As we mentioned in those columns, the minimum wage does not apply to everyone across the board; workers not engaged "in interstate commerce" are exempt from the minimum wage, and some job categories such as domestic workers do not earn overtime pay.

Someone asked us, with regard to workers not engaged in interstate commerce, what minimum wage law does apply. The general answer throughout the U.S. is that if the FLSA minimum wage does not apply, look to the minimum wage law of the state in which the worker is employed. For us, that is the CNMI minimum wage that, unfortunately, has not changed in years and remains at $3.05 per hour. Warning to employers: before you decide that your employees are exempt from the FLSA minimum wage, get legal advice.

Cost-conscious consumers: USCIS fee change reminder

Most fees charged by USCIS for its services will change on Nov. 21, 2010. The overall fees for most green cards, for example, will increase by about $125. A few fees, such as those charged for naturalization, will not go up. USCIS published a Questions & Answers fact sheet late last month; you can find it at http://tinyurl.com/2uy7hck. USCIS also has pending a new proposed fee waiver form, the I-912, which we wrote about (along with the anticipated fee increases) in our July 29, 2010 column. The proposed form is available at http://tinyurl.com/2w2f3gc.

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Letter to the Editor

The truth and reality untold

When will Mr. Rabby Syed understand the reasoning behind U.S. Public Law 110-229? He states that there is a difference between illegal aliens in the United States and legal aliens in the CNMI, to include that President Obama has the authority to act on their request for outright citizenship or permanent residency without the consent of U.S. Congress. I ask Mr. Syed, where are you getting your information? If the president of the United States had such powers then how is it that a majority of Congress rejected his Dream Act of 2010? What makes 20,000 "legal aliens" in the CNMI special over 10 million legal aliens who are using legal means to obtain citizenship in the United States?

In my view, a majority of these so-called "human rights activists" in the CNMI used data involving human smuggling, human exploitations, labor abuse cases, scam marriages and so forth, ignoring the facts that those who committed these crimes were individuals from their own countries. Bottom line is, it was foreigners hurting foreigners who took advantage of a broken immigration system.

The drafting and introduction of Public Law 110-229 to the people of the CNMI was that of national security and border control. Federal Judge Phillip Pro had already ruled that the federalization law did not provide that a lawful permanent resident's residence in the CNMI satisfies the presence or residency requirements for naturalization.

Mr. Syed, I ask you the following: Do you remember what countries the Department of Homeland Security excluded from the visa waiver program? Countries that are not tourist-based such as India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, etc. I continue to state that Congress passed the CNRA, extending U.S. immigration laws to the CNMI, to ensure effective border controls and address national security and homeland security concerns. U.S. immigration law includes INA and "all laws, conventions, and treaties of the United States relating to the immigration, exclusion, deportation, expulsion, or removal of aliens."

Gregorio Cruz
Papago, Saipan

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when they receive so that the quality of life of all those touched will be improved instead of just taking and not giving back. Teach that there are true moments of need and teach the rising generation how to serve their fellow beings without expecting anything in return. Teach our future leaders to work and take responsibility to create a better world for themselves instead of whining about what others have. Teach our youth to be problem solvers, and not be part of the problem.

Breaking the EMS addiction is difficult because it requires developing a new mindset and behaviors. It requires a person to break the chains of dependency that have become a comfortable way of life. The harsh reality is that no one owes you anything. No one owes you a job, computer, education, food, house, car, health care, or to pay your bills. The only person responsible for getting you what you want in life is you. You are ultimately in charge of your life and your destiny. Don't gamble away the precious gift of life by suffering from Entitlement Mentality Syndrome.

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country"—President John F. Kennedy

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

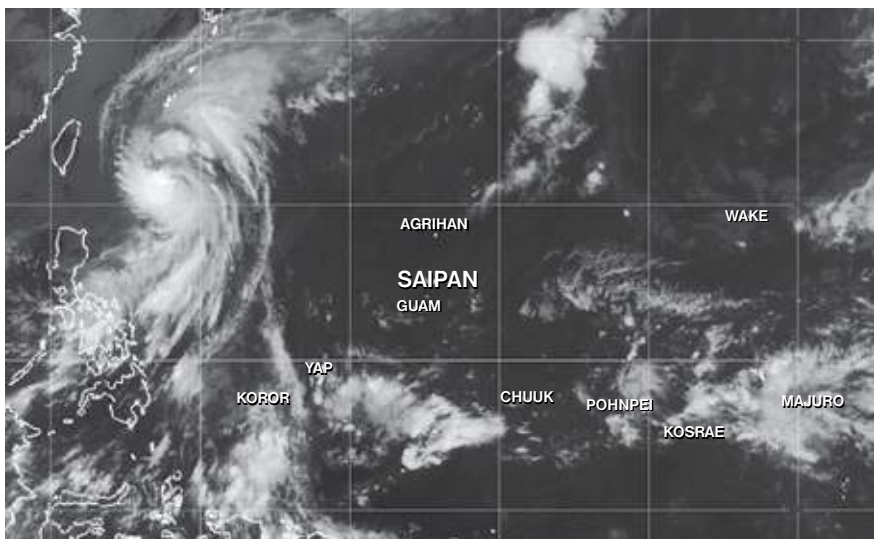
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼78
Yap	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲89	▼77
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲66	▼56
Beijing	Sunny	▲61	▼38
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲75	▼64
Honolulu	Showers	▲85	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼59
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
New York	Thunderstorms	▲69	▼55
Osaka	Showers	▲62	▼59
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲57	▼45
Pusan	Sunny	▲65	▼54
Rome	Sunny	▲68	▼46
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲58	▼45
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼54
Seoul	Sunny	▲59	▼42
Tokyo	Rain	▲59	▼57
Washington, DC	Rain	▲71	▼60

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Chaba (16W) is centered far northwest of the Mariana Islands near 21N128E. Low-level convergence south and east of the typhoon is generating showers and thunderstorms west of a line from 25N134E to 14N131E. For additional information on Typhoon Chaba, refer to JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. The remnants of Tropical Depression 17W are north of Minami Tori Shima near 28N153E. Scattered showers are within 50 miles of a line from 22N150E to 21N150E. A nearly stationary front extends southeastward from 25N157E to 19N160E then eastward across Wake Island to beyond 20N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 50 miles of a line from 22N157E to 19N159E and within 100 miles of a line from 19N170E to 20N180. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms just south of Koror between the equator and 6N from 130E to 136E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap within 125 miles of a line from 8N138E to 5N147E and near Pohnpei within 70 miles of a line from 5N158E to 9N160E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in an area from near Kosrae across the Marshall Islands between 4N and 10N from 163E to 173E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:10 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:51 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:05 PM	10:31 AM
Friday	11:04 PM	11:24 AM
Saturday		12:14 PM
Sunday	12:03 AM	1:01 PM
Monday	1:01 AM	1:45 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2010

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
CO9313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
CO9601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
CO9605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
CO9316/893	2:45am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:00am	10:55pm	Daily via NRT
CO9603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
CO9599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
CO9603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
CO9596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
CO9600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
CO9602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/173	7:50am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
CO892/9316	4:15pm	3:35am+1	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
PR110/CO596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
CO934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
CO910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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So, if you wish to play the game and function within the system, and produce certain results within it as it exists, and accumulate this thing called wealth, it simply means you will have to make a decision to act in a particular way. You have a few choices. You could (1) simply get a job, or (2) you could harness the skills you were given in order to achieve a slightly different goal.

Getting a job, theoretically, will allow you to survive. However, I'm suggesting a slightly different strategy described by choice number two. I'm going to suggest that you play the game by turning your passion into profit.

Rules of the game

If you wish to use this strategy to play the game, there are certain constructs you must dismantle, and others you must adopt especially if you are making the transition from an employee mindset into which many of us are indoctrinated from birth.

To do this, you must first separate the connection you may have in your mind that equates your self worth with your net worth. You must also remove the belief you have that money, its acquisition and accumulation are evil. You must then accept that you have something of inestimable value inherent in you. Then you must find out what that thing of value is. Next, (and this is important) you must be willing to accept money for the thing(s) of value that you offer to the world. Then, you must create a product or service based on that value. Then, you must offer that value to the world using the channels that have been created. Then you must communicate that value to increasing numbers of people.

The same general rules apply to those seeking prosperity for a nation. Of course, there are many other factors that make governing a nation toward prosperity a much more challenging task. As an outsider to this thing called politics and governance, I cannot pretend to know all the intricacies of foreign relations, domestic debt, global economic forces, treaties, budgeting and mass psychology that one must take into account to govern effectively. However, as an outsider, I can, perhaps see more clearly that re-educating the masses and offering them a new definition of prosperity is essential. Discarding the first world definition of progress and prosperity is critical. Identifying and eliminating outside influences that seek to undermine your nation's true progress and the prosperity of your people is required. (If, while you are educating your people into a new paradigm, others are allowed to brainwash your populace with their unnatural, unsustainable and counterproductive concepts of education, beauty, food, diet, health, religion, progress and prosperity), it will be virtually impossible to extricate your nation from poverty and dependence.

The challenge

Remember, as an individual, if you're like most of us, your current state of "success" in financial terms is being defined and dictated by an external construct. Your ability to succeed within this construct is *not* connected to your true worth as a living being. Furthermore, your success within this construct is entirely within your control if you decide to take the necessary steps required to play the game.

The challenge, as I see it, for both individuals as well as nations, is discovering how to play the game, survive, thrive and prosper without sacrificing things of real, authentic value. Among those things of real value I consider to be the Earth itself, it's natural beauty, your health, your right to self-sufficiency, access to land on which to live and the rights, freedom and access of others in the society to the same.

That change can only come about if you can step outside the current constructs and assumptions, see things as they really are, assess reality objectively, and then make different choices and choose different strategies that empower and free you and your nation to move from this thing we call poverty to a thing we can truly say is prosperity!

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to walt@passionprofit.com.

Letter to the Editor

Options this November

Some people say that the CNMI would be better off with Republican candidate Juan N. Babauta as CNMI non-voting delegate representing the CNMI's interests in the U.S. Congress since the Republican party is expected to become the majority in the U.S. House of Representatives after November's elections.

The truth of the matter is that it could be a major handicap. Not all Republican positions on legislation affecting the CNMI will benefit the CNMI. But party members are expected to vote the party line, and those that don't do so soon lose the support of their party.

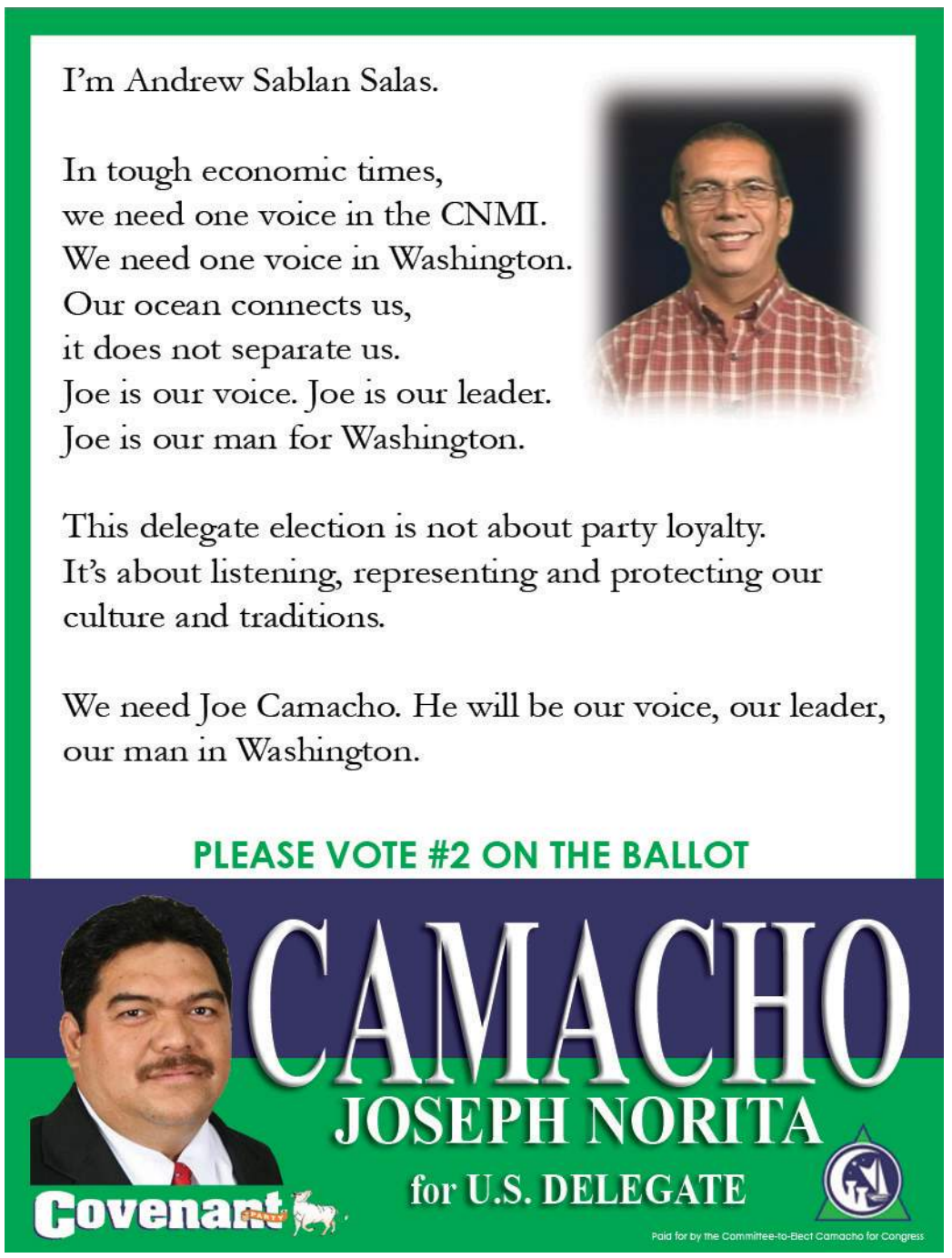
Some people say that the CNMI would be better off with Democratic candidate Jesse C. Borja as CNMI non-voting delegate representing the CNMI's interest in the U.S. Congress, since that is the party of the President. However, the same thing would be true. Not all Democratic Party positions on legislation affecting the CNMI will benefit the CNMI. But party members are expected to vote the party line, and those not willing to go along soon lose the support of their party.

Some say that the CNMI would be better off with Covenant Party candidate Joe N. Camacho as CNMI non-voting delegate, because he would be free to work with either the Democrats or the Republicans. But that could also be a major handicap. He would not be aligned with, get any support from, either party—unless he changed his affiliation. That's not uncommon in these parts, as Camacho well knows, but it would be tricky, since it would mean dis-aligning himself from the party in power in the CNMI.

The best solution is to vote for independent candidate Gregorio Kilili Sablan—who has been independent from the very beginning, who has already established ties and connections with both parties in Congress, who has already proved he can work easily and comfortably with members on both side of the aisle for legislation that benefits the CNMI, who has already won backing and support from both Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

This election may be tight. It is more important than ever that people get out and vote—every vote is going to count. It's also high time that people vote for the most capable, most trustworthy, most principled, most effective candidate, rather than voting on the basis of family ties, promises, gifts, or whatever other inducement may be offered.

Ruth L. Tighe
Tanapag, Saipan


I'm Andrew Sablan Salas.
In tough economic times,
we need one voice in the CNMI.
We need one voice in Washington.
Our ocean connects us,
it does not separate us.
Joe is our voice. Joe is our leader.
Joe is our man for Washington.
This delegate election is not about party loyalty.
It's about listening, representing and protecting our culture and traditions.
We need Joe Camacho. He will be our voice, our leader, our man in Washington.
PLEASE VOTE #2 ON THE BALLOT
CAMACHO
JOSEPH NORITA
for U.S. DELEGATE
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I know Joe Camacho.

Joe was my instructor at NMC.

Joe is hard working.
He can work with people.
He is very approachable.
He listens.

I believe in Joe. I trust him.
I know he can do the job.

Please join me and my family in voting for Joe Camacho.

I'm Pamela C. Sablan, and I support Joe Camacho.
Let's get together and vote for Joe.

PLEASE VOTE #2 ON THE BALLOT

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION

Early Voting & Polling Place Designation Announcement

This is to inform all CNMI Voters that pursuant to Public Law 17-11, the 2010 General Election Early Voting period for the 1st Senatorial District of Rota, the 2nd Senatorial District of Tinian and the 3rd Senatorial District of Saipan will commence on Friday, October 22nd, 2010 and end on Monday, November 1st, 2010. The polling places for all 3 senatorial districts will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. each day, inclusive of weekends. The polling places for the Early Voting period are as follows:

1st Senatorial District – Rota	Rota DPS, Songsong Village
2nd Senatorial District – Tinian	Tinian DPS, San Jose Tinian
3rd Senatorial District – Saipan	Commonwealth Election Commission (CEC) Office, Susupe

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 6105 (c), the CEC hereby announces the designated polling places for the upcoming November 2nd, 2010 General Election. The polling places for the general election will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. The polling places are as follows:

Election District	Polling Place
Precinct 1A (San Antonio Area)	Hopwood Junior High School (Football field entrance)
Precinct 1B (San Vicente/Dandan Area)	Dandan Elementary School (Dandan baseball/softball field entrance)
Precinct 1C (Koblerville Area)	Koblerville Youth Center (Adjacent DPS Substation)
Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe Area)	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
Precinct 3A (Oleai/Chalan Laulau Area)	Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium
Precinct 3B (Garapan Area)	Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria (North entrance)
Precinct 4A (Tanapag Area)	Tanapag Elementary Cafeteria
Precinct 4B (San Roque Area)	San Roque Elementary School
Precinct 4C(Capitol Hill Area)	Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building
Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)	Northern Islands
Precinct 5 (Kagman Area)	Kagman Community Center
Precinct 6 (Tinian)	Tinian Elementary School Cafeterial
Precinct 7 (Rota)	NMC Campus-Rota

As mandated by Public Law 17-16, voters must ensure that they bring with them a pictured ID as they will be required to present it in order to be issued a ballot at the polls. For more information, please contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 664-8683(VOTE).

MHS movie buffs host garage sale

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Officers of the MHS Showbox Club pose for a group photo during their garage sale fundraising activity yesterday at the Oleai Beach Pavilion. From left, secretary Ji Hye Choi; parliamentary Dayoeng Kim; president Sarah Chen; historian Hannah Choi; and treasurer Haeri Kim.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
clarissa_david@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Five officers of the Marianas High School Showbox Club organized a garage sale yesterday at the Oleai Beach Pavilion as part of its Halloween Fest fundraising activities.

These members were club president Sarah Chen, historian Hannah Choi, treasurer Haeri Kim, secretary Ji Hye Choi, and parliamentary Dayoeng Kim. Vice president Anna Choi could not make it because of work.

The group sold used and new clothes for only $1 apiece.

The Showbox Club is an organization of high school students that view different types of movies during their leisure time and conduct group discussions and reviews regarding the movie.

The group was founded in September. Membership is open to all high school students.

Gabriel Asper serves as the club adviser.

Club president Sarah Chen told *Saipan Tribune* that, with a longer lunch break of one and a half hours, their group aims to show more movies for its members.

"We try to entertain students by showing different kinds of movies," she added.

Among the movies that have already been featured include Christopher Nolan's recent blockbuster *Inception* and the Disney-Pixar animated comedy adventure *Up*.

According to Chen, yesterday's garage sale was their third fundraising activity. The first garage sale was held Saturday and raised $25. The second was held on Tuesday and raised $37.

Chen said other fundraising activities of the group include selling cookies, puddings, and jelly.

The group said they have yet to decide the movies they plan to review next.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Farah Jane Chan, who is celebrating her special day today, Oct. 28, 2010! May you have many more birthdays to come and God bless! We love you! Greetings come from your family!

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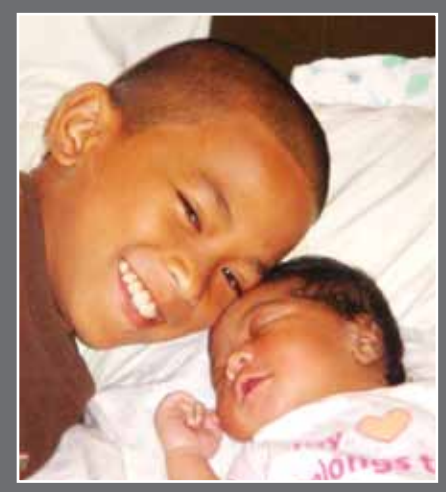

Happy birthday greeting go out to Javin Bradley Faisao Tudela, who is celebrating his 11th birthday today, Oct 28, 2010! Enjoy your day, may your many wishes come true on this day, your birthday! Hip, hip, hooray! Much love from Mommy, Princess Kae, Thorn, Daddy Dave, your family and friends.

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Yesterday, Milarose Jeanne M. Magno, our sweet little girl also known as Naju, turned 4. You're becoming more special each and every day. We hope you enjoyed your birthday and had lots of fun! Showering you with love and wishes from Ninang Maricar Guintu and family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Belated happy 11th birthday to Joaquin Saralu Jr. May you have many more awesome years to come! Much love coming from, Mom, Dad, Jacky, Adela, Neisha, and the family.

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THE MICRONESIA BLUES SOCIETY

Int'l Blues and Slack Key Guitar Festival set on Saipan and Guam

The Micronesia Blues Society continues it's 20th birthday celebration with The International Blues and Slack Key Guitar Festival on Saipan and Guam on Nov. 5, 6, and 7. The festival's theme is "Four Concerts, Three Nights, Two Islands, One Island Chain under a Groove." The festival will feature musicians from Hawaii, Korea, the Philippines, Saipan, Guam, and the U.S. mainland.

Blues guitar is one of America's great contributions to the world of music, providing the vocabulary for much guitar-based rock music. Slack Key guitar was developed by native Hawaiian musicians after Spanish and Mexican *vaqueros* or cowboys left their guitars in Hawaii during the reign of King Kamehameha III, circa 1830.

Explore these unique American guitar styles in a series of four free family concerts, beginning in Guam on Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30pm, at the Mermaid Tavern and Grille in downtown Hagatna. Performing live will be Johnny Paniolo and Hula Blues with the Deep Pacific Blues Band. The Mermaid Tavern is Guam's only brewpub, featuring daily menu specials. Visit their website at: www.greatdeepbrewing.com.

A dance concert will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:30pm, at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill in Garapan, Saipan, featuring Big Island Playboys with Johnny Paniolo and special guests. There will be an exhibition of vintage guitars, plus a Musician's Flea Market, so bring your old guitar and music gear to buy, sell and trade.

The Sunday Afternoon Luau begins at 3pm in the air-conditioned comfort of Wild Bill's Bar & Grill with live music; "da kine" sound, by Slack Key Soul, featuring Kaliko Johnson, six-string ukulele, with John Kokomo Hoffman, slack key guitar. Chicken skin may erupt when these two string wizards sit down to jam with flautist Hannah Ho!

On Sunday night, at 7:30pm, at Wild Bill's, go "Diving with the Dead," a dance concert of improvisational music inspired by the Grateful Dead and the underwater adventures of Jerry Garcia in Kona. The evening will feature Hawaiian steel guitar, slack key, and processed electric ukulele. Wild Bill's is located in Garapan on Beach Road, across Mobil. Visit their website at www.wildbillsaipan.com.

All concerts are free and open to all ages; a small donation is optional to help defray expenses. For more information about the festival, contact John Hoffman at (671)788-4413 or email jhblues@guam.net. On Saipan, call Mike Thorpe at (670)285-3533.

The next Saipan concert will be on Dec. 4 and 5, presenting the Blues Society's 20th Annual Christmas Blues Concert.

Formed in June of 1990 at the Tahiti Rama Beach Bar in Tumon Bay, Guam, the Micronesia Blues Society has presented over 1,000 free weekly blues concerts, showcasing musicians from around the globe. The Society meets every Friday, 7:30pm, at the Mermaid Tavern and Grille in downtown Hagatna, Guam. ***(PR)***

DONOVAN BROOKS

Johnny Paniolo and Hula Blues perform for the International Blues and Slack Key Guitar Festival on Saipan and Guam, Nov. 5, 6, and 7. All shows are free and everyone is welcome.

FEATURED EVENTS

- **"Johnny Paniolo & Hula Blues"**
  Friday Nov. 5, 7:30pm in Guam at The Mermaid Tavern and Grille, downtown Hagatna
- **"Big Island Playboys"**
  Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30pm on Saipan at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, Beach Road, Garapan
- **"Slack Key Soul"**
  Sunday, Nov. 7, 3pm, Sunday afternoon luau at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill
- **"Diving with the Dead"**
  Sunday, Nov. 7, 7:30pm at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill

Absolutely free! A small donation is optional to help defray expenses.

NEWS BRIEFS

Japanese Society sets Marpi cleanup

The Japanese Society of Northern Mariana Islands is inviting the public and the community to their Japanese Memorial Monument cleanup drive at Marpi scheduled this Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, starting at 9am. We would appreciate if you can please bring your pails and brushes. Your generous presence and assistance on this drive will be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Yoichi Matsumura at 322-8785 or 287-8785. ***(PR)***

Navy to celebrate completion of solar project

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will host a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Oct. 29, 10:30am to celebrate the completion of a solar photovoltaic system on Naval Base Guam.

The project involves installing solar arrays with the technology to convert sunlight directly to electricity generating 250 kilowatts of electricity. Its completion coincides with National Energy Awareness Month. It is the third component in the Navy's $34.1 million initiative to conserve energy on Naval Base Guam through its Energy Savings Performance Contact, which was awarded April 2009.

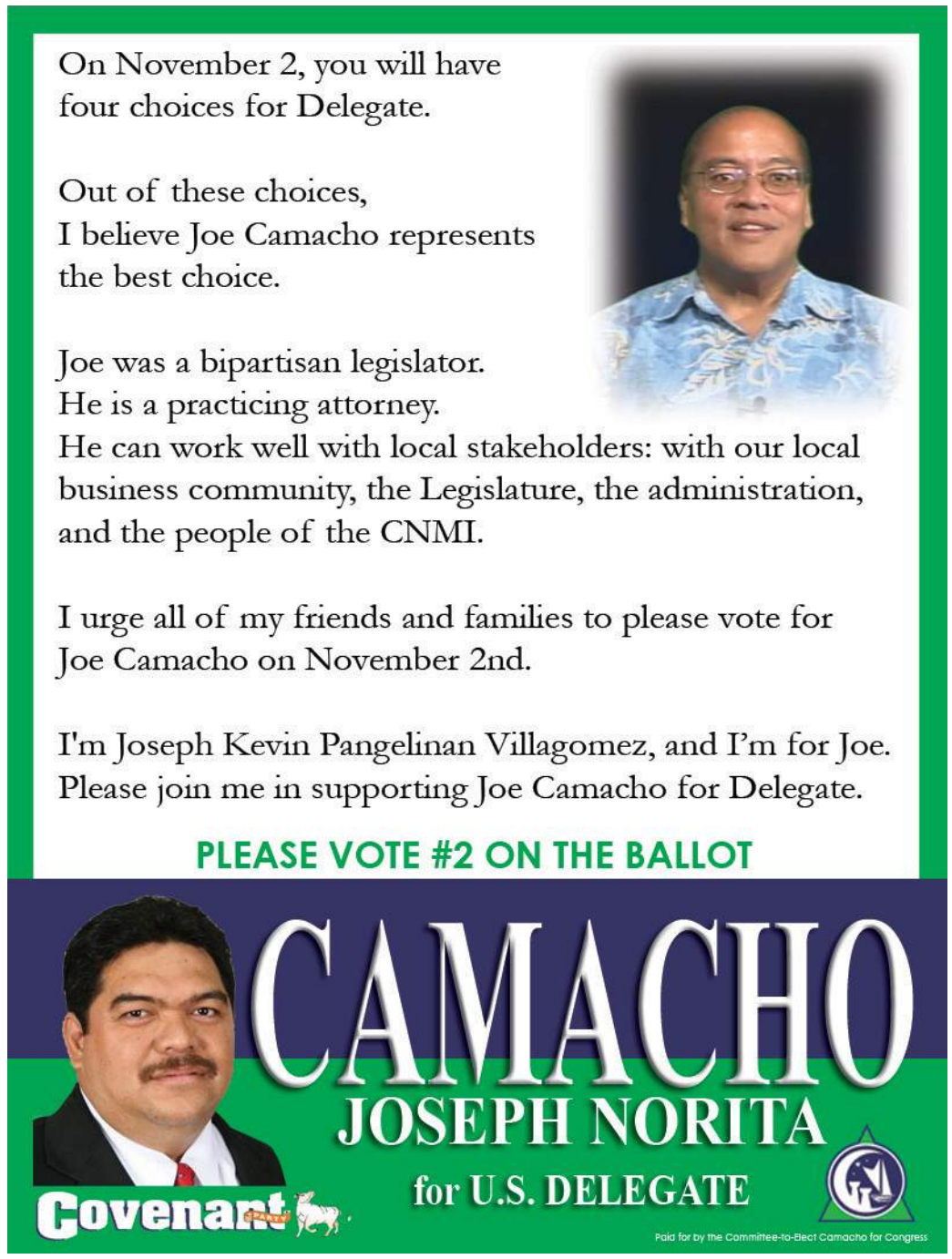
The other two conservation components include installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls optimization, and energy-efficient lighting upgrades in buildings throughout the base. ***(PR)***

UOG Career, Job Fair set Nov. 5

The University of Guam Career Development Office will hold its Career/Job Fair on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, from 9am to 3pm at the UOG Field House on the UOG campus in Mangilao.

More than 25 companies will be participating in the event including the Naval Facilities Marianas, Bank of Guam, Guam Memorial Hospital, U.S. Coast Guard, Sorensen Broadcasting, Marianas Cable Vision, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, UOG ROTC, Guam Army National Guard, GTA Teleguam ANZ Guam, DZSP 21, Individual Assurance Co., Watts Constructors, Consulate General of Japan, Sorensen Pacific Media Broadcasting, Happy Mart, National Park Service, U.S. Secret Service, UOG Admissions & Records, UOG Financial Aid Office, and many others. The U.S. Secret Service joins the event for the first time this year to consider prospective candidates for their job vacancies.

This event is open to the public. For more information contact the Career Development Office at 735-2228 or 734-0477. ***(UoG)***


On November 2, you will have four choices for Delegate.
Out of these choices, I believe Joe Camacho represents the best choice.
Joe was a bipartisan legislator.
He is a practicing attorney.
He can work well with local stakeholders: with our local business community, the Legislature, the administration, and the people of the CNMI.
I urge all of my friends and families to please vote for Joe Camacho on November 2nd.
I'm Joseph Kevin Pangelinan Villagomez, and I'm for Joe.
Please join me in supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate.
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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Residential Weatherization Program (CNMI-EECBG-ARRA-RWP)

The CNMI Energy Division Office is pleased to announce that it will begin accepting applications for the **Residential Weatherization Program** on **October 27, 2010**, under the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Residential Weatherization Program (CNMI-EECBG-ARRA-RWP) **to retrofit residential dwellings by replacing in-efficient with efficient appliances and lightings to reduce energy consumption.**

Applications for Residential Weatherization Program will be available to the public at the CNMI Energy Division Office located at House No. 1337, Ascencion Dr., Capital Hill, Saipan, M.P. 96950 or may be downloaded from its Official Website at **www.cnmienergy.com.**

If anyone should have any question or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. David V. Ada Jr. at 664-4480/81.

Business

Toyota, Honda lead quality rankings but GM gains

DETROIT (AP)—The most problem-free cars and trucks are made by Honda and Toyota, but U.S. automakers Ford and General Motors are closing the gap in quality, according to an annual survey by Consumer Reports magazine.

Ford and GM continue to narrow the disparity that once separated Asia-based automakers from their Detroit rivals. Large overhauls of American car companies in the last few years have resulted in fewer brands and better vehicles from Detroit.

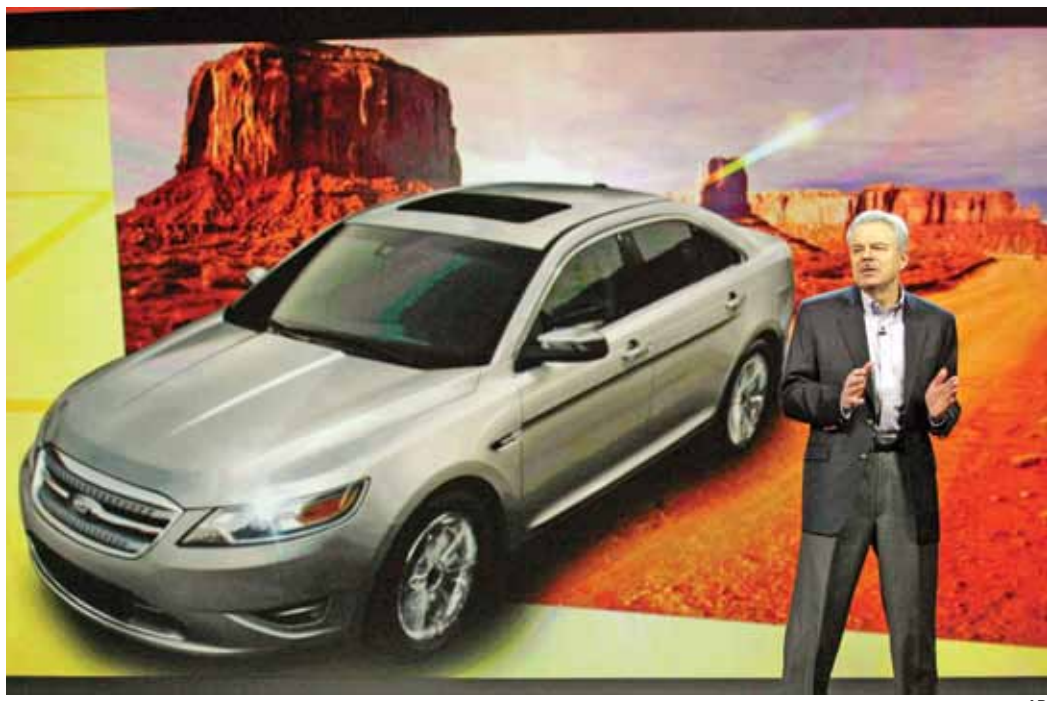
For the third year in a row, Toyota's Scion had the fewest problems of any brand in the survey. It was followed by Porsche, Acura, Honda, and Nissan's Infiniti luxury brand. The Toyota brand ranked sixth, down from third last year. It was followed by Subaru and Volvo. Lexus, which had been a top finisher in past years, fell to ninth. Ford was 10th, but rose from 16th the previous year.

Consumer Reports rankings, released Tuesday, are widely used by buyers shopping for cars and trucks. The magazine ranks No. 3 on the list of information sources used by Americans to pick vehicles, topped only by brand loyalty and recommendations from friends and family.

Scion, Toyota's youth brand, was tops because it sells just three models, the xD hatchback, xB wagon and tC coupe. Those models haven't been revamped recently. As a result, they have fewer reliability problems, said David Champion, senior director of auto testing for Consumer Reports.

Toyota generally fared well in the survey despite recalling more than 10 million vehicles worldwide for safety problems including sticky gas pedals, floor mats that can trap accelerators and brake fluid leaks.

"Toyota's taken a slight knock from the issues with their recalls," Champion said.



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In this Jan. 7, 2010 file photo, Ford Vice President for Global Product Development Derrick Kuzak speaks during the Ford Motor Co. keynote address at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas.

He said the magazine's survey asks owners to ignore recalls unless they have experienced a problem, easing the impact. Toyota's luxury brand, Lexus, has expanded its model lineup and the quality has slipped, he said.

The survey of about 960,000 of the magazine's subscribers also restored recommended ratings for eight recalled Toyota brand models.

Toyota in January recalled 2.3 million vehicles in the U.S. due to sticky gas pedals, including the 2009-10 RAV4 crossover, 2009-10 Corolla, the 2009-10 Matrix hatchback, the 2005-10 Avalon, the 2007-10 Camry, the 2010 Highlander crossover, the 2007-10 Tundra pickup and the 2008-10 Sequoia SUV models.

It stopped selling the models until the vehicles on dealer lots were fixed. When sales were halted, Consumer Reports yanked the recommended ratings.

Champion said Honda is the top manufacturer for reliability, with the Honda and Acura brands consistently at the top of the survey due to a continued emphasis on quality.

Chavez orders takeover of Owens-Illinois branch

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez ordered the expropriation of U.S.-based glass container manufacturer Owens-Illinois Inc.'s subsidiary in the South American country.

Company spokeswoman Stephanie Johnston said Tuesday that "we were surprised to learn of this decision and we are prepared to work with government officials to better understand the situation."

Chavez announced plans to expropriate the company in a televised speech late Monday. The leftist leader criticized the company's practices in the country, saying it had been "taking away the money of Venezuelans" and exploiting local people.

Chavez

Chavez did not detail his complaints about the Owens-Illinois, which is based in Perrysburg, Ohio.

"O-I has been supplying glass food and beverage containers to meet the needs of the Venezuelan people for more than 50 years," Johnston said. "Our two plants in Venezuela, located in Los Guayos and Valera, employ more than 1,000 people and represent less than 5 percent of our global segment operating profit."

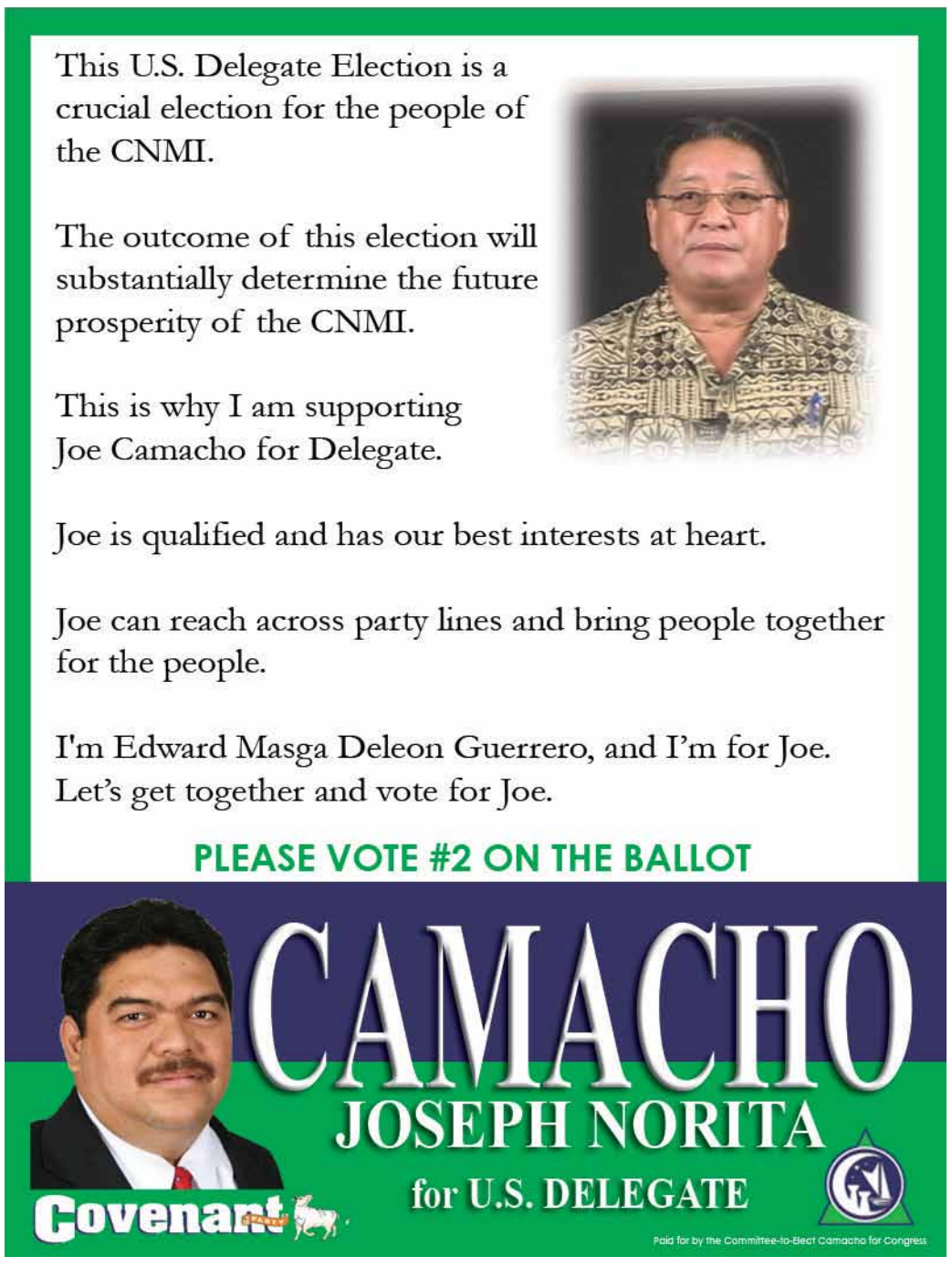
Owens-Illinois is the world's largest glass container manufacturer, with operations in 22 countries.

The subsidiary Owens-Illinois de Venezuela CA counts among its clients Nestle, PepsiCo Inc. and Empresas Polar, which produces the local beer Polar. It was unclear how the takeover would affect supply agreements with the company's clients.

Earlier this year, Chavez threatened to "go after" Empresas Polar, the country's biggest food producer, while calling it a monopoly and accusing it of evading government price controls on basic foodstuffs by producing fewer of price-controlled items. Polar has denied wrongdoing.

At Owens-Illinois' plant in Los Guayos, union leader Rigoberto Mendez said "we don't have any reason to doubt that this expropriation is aimed at affecting the operations of Polar, a business that purchases 80 percent of our production."

Employees were working normally at the plant but are concerned, Mendez said in an interview by telephone.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The outcome of this election will substantially determine the future prosperity of the CNMI.
This is why I am supporting Joe Camacho for Delegate.
Joe is qualified and has our best interests at heart.
Joe can reach across party lines and bring people together for the people.
I'm Edward Masga Deleon Guerrero, and I'm for Joe.
Let's get together and vote for Joe.
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Consumer confidence rises slightly in October

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans' confidence in the economy stayed stuck in gloomy territory in October, with Wall Street's gains in recent months not boosting spirits much.

Coaxing shoppers out of their shells will be the major challenge for retailers heading into the holiday season. That could mean they'll be continuing to push big discounts.

The confidence report, released Tuesday by the Conference Board, comes in the face of a rebounding stock market. But many shoppers, grappling with weak job prospects and a renewed slide in home prices, see their personal financial health tied more to Main Street, not Wall Street. Another report, released Tuesday from a key home pricing index, showed home prices are weakening across the country.

"The things that matter most to consumers are either not improving or worsening," said Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo. "We are definitely going to see a heavily promotional holiday shopping season."

The Conference Board, a private research group, said its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 50.2 from a revised 48.6 in September. Economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters expected 49.2.

September's reading was the index's lowest point since February.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil falls to near $82 as US crude supplies rise

SINGAPORE(AP)—Oilprices fell to near $82 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a report showing a surge in U.S. crude supplies undermined optimism that demand is improving. Benchmark oil for December delivery was down 37 cents at $82.18 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 3 cents to settle at $82.55 on Tuesday. The American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday that crude inventories rose 6.4 million barrels last week while analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos., had forecast an increase of 1.5 million barrels. Inventories of gasoline fell while distillates rose, the API said.

SKorea's 3rd-quarter economic growth slows sharply

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's economic growth slowed sharply in the third quarter amid weaker exports and manufacturing. The Bank of Korea said Wednesday that the country's gross domestic product expanded 0.7 percent in the three months ended Sept. 30. That compares with the second quarter when the economy grew 1.4 percent. The figures are preliminary and may be revised. South Korea, Asia's fourth-largest economy, has rebounded strongly from the global downturn, boosted by low interest rates, government stimulus spending and robust exports. The economy has now expanded for seven-straight quarters. The central bank said that growth in exports and manufacturing both slowed in the third quarter.

Nation

Massive windstorm howls across nation's midsection

CHICAGO (AP)—A massive storm with wind gusts up to 81 mph howled across the nation's midsection Tuesday, snapping trees and power lines, ripping off roofs, delaying flights and soaking commuters hunched under crumpled umbrellas.

Spanning from the Dakotas to the eastern Great Lakes, the unusual system mesmerized meteorologists because of its size and because it had barometric pressure similar to a Category 3 hurricane, but with much less destructive power.

Scientists said the storm had the force of a blizzard minus the snow.

AP

Gary Anderson, who works in cab assembly at the Case-New Holland tractor plant in Mount Pleasant near Racine, Wis., looks through the broken glass of his damaged vehicle after stones blew off the plant roof Tuesday Oct. 26, 2010.

"If it were colder, we'd have a blizzard with this system," said David Imy, operations chief at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla. But temperatures were in the 50s and 60s, instead of the 20s.

The National Weather Service said the system's pressure reading Tuesday was the lowest ever in a non-tropical storm in the mainland U.S. If confirmed, that would be worse than the pressure that produced the Blizzard of 1978, the March 1993 "Storm of the Century" or the November 1975 storm that sank the Edmund Fitzgerald freighter, memorialized in a song by Gordon Lightfoot.

The storm blew in from the Pacific Northwest on the strength of a jet stream that is about one-third stronger than normal for this time of year, Imy said. As the system moved into the nation's heartland, it drew in warm air needed to fuel thunderstorms. Then the winds intensified and tornados formed.

Add to that the fact the storm was moving fast, 50 to 60 mph, and the winds became even stronger, Imy said.

By Tuesday morning, sustained winds were about 35 to 40 mph and gusting much higher. A gust of 81 mph was recorded in Butlerville, Ohio, and 80 mph in Greenfield, Ind., according to NOAA.

At one point, more than 145,000 homes and businesses were without power in Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and the St. Louis area.

The storms were headed toward the East Coast by late afternoon, and winds were expected to subside in the evening. But forecasters said the winds could pick up again on Wednesday.

Study: Half of teens admit bullying in last year

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Half of high school students say they've bullied someone in the past year, and nearly half say they've been the victim of bullying, according to a national study released Tuesday.

The survey by the Los Angeles-based Josephson Institute of Ethics asked more than 43,000 high school students whether they'd been physically abused, teased or taunted in a way that seriously upset them. Forty-three percent said yes, and 50 percent admitted to being the bully.

The institute's president, Michael Josephson, said the study shows more bullying goes on at later ages than previously thought, and remains extremely prevalent through high school.

"Previous to this, the evidence was bullying really peaks in middle school," Josephson told The Associated Press.

He said the Internet has intensified the effect of taunting and intimidation because of its reach and its permanence.

"It's the difference between punching someone and stabbing him. The wounds are so much deeper," Josephson said.

Josephson added the survey's results don't surprise him because his group has conducted similar studies without publishing the results. But he said he still finds the numbers "alarming."

In the survey, 10 percent of teens admitted bringing a weapon to school at least once, and 16 percent admitted being drunk at school.

Josephson said that means victims of bullying are in danger of striking back violently.

"You have a combination that is a toxic cocktail," Josephson said.

ACROSS THE NATION

California Senate hopeful Fiorina hospitalized

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California GOP Senate challenger Carly Fiorina was sidelined Tuesday from the campaign trail in the final week of a close race to be treated for an infection associated with her reconstructive surgery after breast cancer. The former Hewlett-Packard Co. chief executive was admitted to a Los Angeles-area hospital, forcing her to cancel campaign appearances in Riverside and Coachella just as polls suggested she was starting to gain momentum in her race against Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer. According to Deborah Bowker, the campaign's chief of staff, Fiorina was being treated with antibiotics.

State goes overseas for lethal injection drug

FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP)—Facing a nationwide shortage of a lethal injection drug, Arizona has taken an unusual step that other death penalty states may soon follow: get their supplies from another country. Such a move, experts say, raises questions about the effectiveness of the drug. But it also may further complicate executions in the 35 states that allow them, as inmates challenge the use of drugs not approved by federal inspectors for use in the U.S. Arizona said Tuesday that it got its sodium thiopental from Great Britain, the first time a state has acknowledged obtaining the drug from outside the United States since the shortage began slowing executions in the spring.

NYC officer who stopped salon holdup gets promoted

NEW YORK (AP)—A police officer who dodged gunfire and stopped an armed holdup in a salon where she was getting her hair done was promoted to rank of detective on Tuesday. She shrugged off praise of her actions, saying it was just part of her personality to keep calm under pressure. "I don't fuss about much," Feris Jones said after Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly pinned a detective's shield onto her uniform at a City Hall ceremony with Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

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Asia

Indonesia tsunami kills 113; scores more missing

PADANG, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers battled rough seas Tuesday to reach remote Indonesian islands pounded by a 10-foot (three-meter) tsunami that swept away homes, killing at least 113 people. Scores more were missing and information was only beginning to trickle in from the sparsely populated surfing destination, so casualties were expected to rise.

With few able to get to the islands to help with searches, fisherman were left to find the dead and look for the living. Corpses were strewn about since there were not enough people to dig graves, according to the Mentawai district chief, Edison Salelo Baja. More than 4,000 people expected to spend the night without shelter because tents and other supplies had also not arrived.

The fault that ruptured Monday on Sumatra island's coast also caused the 2004 quake and monster Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries.

Though hundreds of disaster officials were unable to get to many of the villages on the Mentawai islands—reachable only by a 12-hour boat ride—they were preparing for the worst.

"We have 200 body bags on the way, just in case," said Mujiharto, who heads the Health Ministry's crisis center, shortly before announcing a fivefold increase in the death toll.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity due to its location on the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire—a series of fault lines stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia.

The country's most volatile volcano, Mount Merapi, 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) to the east, started to erupt at dusk Tuesday as scientists warned that pressure building beneath its lava dome could trigger one of the most powerful blasts in years.

The 7.7-magnitude quake that struck late Monday just 13 miles (20 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor was followed by at least 14 aftershocks, the largest measuring 6.2, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Many panicked residents fled to high ground and were too afraid to return home.

That could account in part for the more than 500 people still missing, said Hendri Dori, a local parliamentarian who was overseeing a fact-finding missing. "We're trying to stay hopeful," he said.

Hundreds of wooden and bamboo homes were washed away on the island of Pagai, with water flooding crops and roads up to 600 yards (meters) inland. In Muntei Baru, a village on Silabu island, 80 percent of the houses were badly damaged.

Those and other islets hit were part of the Mentawai island chain, a popular and laid-back surfing spot 175 miles (280 kilometers) from Sumatra.

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This U.S. Delegate Election will chart the course of the future for everyone residing in the CNMI, including Filipinos.
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We invite all our friends in the Filipino community to join us in voting for Joseph Norita Camacho.
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Indonesia's eruption kills 25

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP)—Rescusers scoured the slopes of Indonesia's most volatile volcano Wednesday after it was rocked by an eruption that spewed clouds of searing ash, killing at least 25 villagers including an old man known as the mountain's spiritual gatekeeper.

The blast eased pressure that had been building up behind a lava dome perched on the volcano's crater, but experts said the worst may not be over. The lava dome could unleash deadly gases and debris if it collapses.

"It's a little calmer today," said Surono, the chief of Center for Volcanology and Geological Hazard Mitigation. "No hot clouds, no rumbling. But a lot of energy is pent up back there. There's no telling what's next."

Mount Merapi, which translates as "Fire Mountain," has erupted many times over the last 200 years, often with deadly results. In 1994, 60 people were killed, while in 1930, more than a dozen villages were incinerated, leaving up to 1,300 dead.

Still, as with other volcanoes in Indonesia, many people call its fertile slopes home. More than 11,000 live near Merapi.

Though thousands streamed into makeshift emergency shelters after Tuesday's powerful eruption, many started returning Wednesday saying they had to tend to their crops and protect their homes.

"I keep thinking about what's happening up there, with my cows, my property," said Hadi Sumarmo, who has a farm in Srumbung, a village three miles (seven kilometers) from the crater's mouth. "I just want to go back to check. If I hear sirens, I'll get out again quickly."

Even as rescue officials contended with the volcano—one of 129 to watch in the world's largest archipelago—officials were trying to assess the impact of a 7.7-magnitude earthquake off Sumatra island that triggered a three-meter (10-foot) -high tsunami, killing more than 100 people and leaving scores missing.

The twin disasters happened hours apart in one of the most seismically active regions on the planet.

Officials said earlier that by closely monitoring the famously active volcano they thought they could avoid casualties, but the death toll was quickly rising.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Amnesty calls on Pakistan to investigate killings

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Amnesty International on Tuesday called on Pakistan to investigate the alleged torture and killing of more than 40 political leaders and activists in southwestern Baluchistan province, where the government has battled a nationalist insurgency for decades. The killings allegedly took place over the past four months against a backdrop of rising political unrest and Pakistani army operations in Baluchistan, said the human rights group. The government has repeatedly used force to counter Baluch insurgents who have demanded a greater share of the region's natural resource wealth.

Boat capsizes in Philippines; 2 dead, 2 missing

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police in the northern Philippines say two people are dead and two are missing after big waves caused a passenger boat to capsize in the Luzon Strait. Eight other passengers were rescued when the boat overturned Tuesday near the coastal town of Aparri in an area that was buffeted by Typhoon Megi last week. The storm killed 31 people in the Philippines and 14 in Taiwan, where rescue workers are still searching for 21 Chinese tourists.

World

Saddam Hussein aide Tariq Aziz sentenced to hang

BAGHDAD (AP)—The international face of Saddam Hussein's regime, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death by hanging Tuesday for persecuting Shiites just over three months after the Americans transferred him to Iraqi government custody.

Iraqi High Tribunal spokesman Mohammed Abdul-Sahib did not say when the 74-year-old former foreign minister would go to the gallows. Aziz has 30 days to launch an appeal.

Aziz, the only Christian in Saddam's mainly Sunni inner circle, was wearing a blue suit and sat alone in the court. He bowed his head and frequently grasped the handrail in front of him, as the judge read out the verdict.

The Vatican urged Iraq to not carry out the death sentence and said it may intervene to try to halt it

A spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican hoped that the sentence wouldn't be carried out and added that Vatican usually would pursue any possible humanitarian intervention to halt an execution via diplomatic channels.

His Jordan-based lawyer, Badee Izzat Aref, accused the government of orchestrating the verdict to divert attention from recent revelations about prisoner abuse by Iraqi security forces contained in U.S. military documents released last week by the whistleblower site WikiLeaks.

"We are discussing this issue and what next step we should take," Aref told The Associated Press in Amman, the Jordanian capital. "This sentence is not fair and it is politically motivated."

Aziz

Aziz became internationally known as the dictator's defender and a fierce American critic first as foreign minister after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and later as a deputy prime minister. His meeting with Secretary of State James A. Baker in Geneva in January 1991 failed to prevent the 1991 Gulf War. Aziz also met with the late Pope John Paul II at the Vatican weeks before the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion in a bid to head off that conflict.

Iraq has executed a number of high-profile members of Saddam's regime, including "Chemical Ali" al-Majid, Saddam's cousin, who earned his nickname for atrocities such as the deaths of an estimated 5,000 Kurds in a poison gas attack in 1988.

Saddam was taunted by onlookers as he went to the gallows in December 2006, at the height of the sectarian violence, shocking many observers in and outside the country and raising allegations the Shiite-led government was bent on revenge.

Aziz was on trial in a long-running case in which he is accused of being part of a campaign of persecuting, killing and torturing members of the Shiite opposition and the banned religious parties, like the Shiite Dawa Party, of which Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is a member.

He was sentenced to 15 years in prison for taking part in forced displacement and 10 years for committing torture. Judge Mahmoud Saleh al-Hassan declared the harshest punishment—death by hanging—for participating in deliberate killings but gave no details.

Aziz was one of five members of the deposed regime who were convicted Tuesday of similar crimes. A sixth defendant, Saddam's half brother, Watban Ibrahim al-Hassan, was found innocent because of lack of evidence, the judge said. Al-Hassan served as interior minister.

WORLD BRIEFS

Cholera fears spark anti-clinic protest in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Protesters threw rocks at a cholera treatment center as it was preparing to open in the city of St. Marc on Tuesday, highlighting the fear surrounding a disease that was almost unknown in Haiti before it began spreading through the countryside, aid workers said. Some of the roughly 300 students and other protesters said they feared the Doctors Without Borders-Spain clinic would bring more of the disease to their seaside town, which is one of the hardest hit in the week-old epidemic that has killed 284 people and infected 3,769, according to United Nations figures.

Jaguar escaped in hurricane blamed in Belize death

BELIZE CITY (AP)—A jaguar that escaped from its cage at a Belize animal rescue center during Hurricane Richard has been blamed in the mauling death of a U.S. citizen whose body was found on Tuesday. The 4-year-old male jaguar named Max escaped when a tree fell on his cage on Sunday, the same day the Category 1 hurricane hit the country's Caribbean coast with howling winds and rain. Authorities found the victim's body near the animal center on Tuesday. It had bite marks on the forearm and neck, and the man had apparently been attacked the day before and dragged for some distance into the bushes.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the children of

Thomas Camacho Maratita

"Tommy"

Would like to extend our sincere Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase to our family, relatives and friends, both near and far, for your assistance and most especially prayers during our time of sorrow. Your most comforting expressions of sympathy, kindness, prayer and thoughtfulness has deeply touched us.

In gratitude for all that you have done. We pray to our Good Lord to bless and reward each and every one of you.

God Bless us all!

Children and Family

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

JOSEPH DUENAS DELA ROSA

Fondly known as "PUMPULANG"
Was called to eternal life by our Lord at the age of 47.
Born: February 05, 1963
Died: October 22, 2010

IN HIS NEW LIFE, HE NOW JOINS HIS:
Grandparents: Jose Villagomez Duenas & Nieves Palacios Duenas
Grandparents-in-Laws: Vicente & Regina B. Matagolai
Vicente & Rosa Mendiola
Pedro B. & Guadalupe Blas
Mother-In-Law: Lucia Matagolai Mendiola
Daughter: Marissa M. Dela Rosa
Brother: Donald D. Dela Rosa
Brother-In-Law: Jeffrey N. Maratita

SURVIVED BY HIS LOVING:
Wife: Mary Matagolai Mendiola Dela Rosa
Children: Joseph Jr. & Adela T. Dela Rosa (Marissa, Honairie, Madison)
Maisy DLR. & Jonathan Green (Luciana & Lexie)
Antolynn M. Dela Rosa
Casey & Maggie Lynn
Parents: Antonio E. & Antonia D. De La Rosa
Parents- In-Laws: Antonio T. & Lucia B. Mendiola
Godparents: Vicente & Martina D. Camacho

SISTERS/BROTHERS/SPOUSES & CHILDREN:
Frances DLR. / Martin C. Pangelinan: (Chrislaine & Giovanni, Maxine & Billy Joe, Francine & Jared, Martin & Crystal)
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REARED BROTHER: Glen D. Wineinger
SISTERS/BROTHER-IN-LAWS:
Irene P. / Antonio C. Deleon Guerrero (Jocelyne)
Charlene M. / Patrick J. Tenorio: (Monique & Dirk, Cadez, Anthony, Peter, Patrick Jr. & Ioanis P. Rasa)
Edwin B. Blas
Dominic B. / Sherry A. Pangelinan (Vonderric & Alexis, Jeralyn & Frankie, Dominic Jr., Heavenly, Isaiah)

He will also be missed and remembered in the hearts of his God-children, numerous uncles and aunties, cousins and cousin-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Mass is being celebrated each evening at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Holy Rosary at the St. Jude Church.

On Saturday, October 30, 2010, his remains will be taken to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m. Responso service will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Holy Rosary.

Mass for Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11: 00 a.m. Interment services will follow immediately after at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetary.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Mary Mendiola Dela Rosa
Children & Family

Environment

Workshop aims to make science digestible for the public

Improving the communication of science for the public will be the subject of an upcoming workshop hosted by the National Park Service at American Memorial Park.

The two-day workshop covering science communication tools and message selection is scheduled for Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, from 8am to 4pm. Ranger Nancy Kelchner will also lead a tour starting at 8:30am on Nov. 4.

Integration and Application Network team members Tim Carruthers, a science integrator, and Jane Hawkey, a science communicator, will lead the workshop. Both presenters work with the National Parks to better present and communicate scientific information through text and graphics.

The Integration and Application Network or 'IAN' is an initiative of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. It was launched in 2002 specifically to help transition research science more effectively into resource management. It has since expanded to develop products to multiple audiences, including materials used for formal and informal education. Its tools and approach focus heavily on the use of graphics and visual elements to capture key messages, and particularly the use of 'conceptual diagrams.' For more information: http://ian.umces.edu/. ***(PR)***

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010

■ 8:30am – Park tour with Ranger Nancy Kelchner

■ Noon – 2pm (Staff and partners) - Introduction to I&M and IAN, and science communication tools and workshop

■ 2pm – 4pm – (Staff and interested partners) - Scoping natural resource messages and product

Friday, Nov. 5, 2010

■ 8am – noon (available park staff) - Review and develop draft product

■ 1pm – 3pm (Personnel to be determined) AMME wrap-up (flexible time)

Site: American Memorial Park, Saipan

Importance of water conservation featured in next First Friday Films

Blue Gold: World Water Wars, a film about the conflicts arising from the world's dwindling freshwater supply, premieres at the next "First Friday Films" at American Memorial Park Visitors Center on Nov. 5 at 6:30pm.

Blue Gold: World Water Wars, a film directed by Sam Bozzo, conceives how a seemingly plentiful natural resource, water, could actually spur war. The film examines how large corporations and private investors are buying territories where there are abundant supplies of water, and what everyday citizens can do to collect and conserve water. Blue gold makes a strong case for community awareness and action. It also highlights some success stories of water activists around the globe.

After the film, Derek Chambers, Division of Environmental, will discuss where our tap and drinking water come from on Saipan and highlight ways we can become better stewards of this precious resource. The Visitor's Center lobby will also feature an exhibit about the declining supply of global freshwater and ways we can help conserve it.

For planning purposes, the movie runs about 90 minutes long. As always, "First Friday Films" is free and open to the public. Find more information at www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events. ***(PR)***

Add some green to your Halloween

By TERRI BENNETT
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Carved pumpkin.

There's nothing scary about incorporating a little green into your traditional black and orange Halloween. You can easily Do Your Part to reduce, reuse and recycle even while going all out to dress up, decorate, and dole out treats.

COSTUME CREATIONS

Dressing up in costume is the most exciting part of Halloween and it doesn't have to involve buying something new. Renting costumes or making ones with items you already own is a greener alternative. You can also shop places like Goodwill or other second hand stores to find unique pieces of clothing or accessories that will bring your costume to life.

Holding neighborhood costume swaps are also fun and frugal options for children's Halloween costumes.

MAKE-UP MADNESS

Getting dressed up for Halloween often times means putting on make-up fit for the most beautiful of princesses or the creepiest of monsters.

But, before you grab one of those popular Halloween make-up kits, check out what's really in it. Some contain toxic ingredients like lead or mercury. Be sure to look for items labeled "non-toxic" or "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics".

A TRULY 'GREAT PUMPKIN'

There's so much to do with a pumpkin besides carving it. The seeds alone pack a nutritional punch and they are easy to roast. First soak them in water to get rid of any pulp. Drain off the water and put the seeds in the microwave for two minutes, which will help make them crunchy—not chewy—later. Spread the seeds on a baking sheet, coat lightly with cooking spray and then cover the seeds with salt or your favorite spice.

Bake in a 250-degree oven for one hour turning the seeds every 15 minutes. The end result is a crisp, healthy snack that your family will love. You can also use the pulp from the pumpkin to treat your skin.

Puree in a blender or food processor to make an inexpensive and effective facemask. It's full of Vitamin A, C, and zinc, which are all good for your skin. Leave the mask on for 15 minutes and then rinse. You can even include a few seeds in mixture before you puree for extra exfoliating. And here's one last pumpkin trick: apply a little petroleum jelly to the carved areas of your jack-o-lantern to make it last even longer.

TREAT THE PLANET

Most of us would like to give trick-or-treaters a better kind of treat but we aren't sure what goodies to get. If possible, seek out organic candies or fair trade chocolates that are easier on the planet. You can also choose non-food items like coins, pencils and shaped erasers as green alternatives to traditional candy. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT! If you're looking for alternatives to the traditional Halloween haunts then check out GreenHalloween.org. They've partnered with the Associations of Zoos and Aquariums to create Halloween events across the country that are filled with sustainable activities and treats.

This year go ahead and get downright eek-o-friendly and Do Your Part by adding some green to your Halloween routine.

Terri Bennett is a veteran TV meteorologist, syndicated columnist, and host of DoYourPart.com where you can find everyday green living ideas that are better for you and the planet. Send questions to terri@doyourpart.com.

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Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
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Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
Thriller • Rated R
Synopsis
Spooky hauntings are once again the main course in this Paramount Pictures follow-up to Oren Peli's wildly successful supernatural thriller, Paranormal Activity. Kip Williams directs from a script by Michael Perry.

Jackass 3
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:40
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:40
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon through Thurs 4:00 7:00
Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera
Comedy • Rated R
Synopsis
The Jackass pranksters are at it again in this third outing, presented for the first time in 3D — an effect that will no doubt redefine the use of the in-your-face technology. Once again Jeff Tremaine returns to direct the MTV Films/Paramount Pictures production.

Red
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15
Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman
Thriller, Action • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
Warren Ellis' acclaimed Wildstorm comic series is adapted in this Summit Entertainment production starring Bruce Willis as a retired government hitman who gets targeted by the same outfit he once worked for. Morgan Freeman and Helen Mirren co-star, with Robert Schwentke (The Time Traveler's Wife) directing from a script by the Whiteout writing team of Erich and Jon Hoeber.

Easy A
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon through Thurs 4:10 7:10
Emma Stone, Penn Badgley
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Nanny McPhee Returns
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05
Emma Thomson, Maggie Gyllenhaal
Comedy • Rated PG

Life As We Know It
Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon through Thurs 4:25 7:25
Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel
Drama, Comedy • Rated PG 13

Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:30
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
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Sam Neil, Geoffrey Rush
Fantasy, Action • Rated PG

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Life & Style

Sheen leaves hospital after NYC hotel outburst

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlie Sheen was briefly hospitalized Tuesday after security at the Plaza Hotel called police to report he was disorderly and had broken furniture in his room, police said.

His publicist blamed an allergic reaction to medication, and said the actor was discharged Tuesday evening and on his way back to Los Angeles.

Sheen appeared highly intoxicated when officers arrived to his room around 1:30 a.m., and a woman with him said they had been out drinking and partying that night, according to a law enforcement official. She said he was yelling and tossing furniture when they returned to the room, said the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the encounter and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Sheen

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said hotel security reported Sheen was disorderly. The actor voluntarily went with authorities for a psychiatric evaluation.

"No arrests were made. It's not a complaint. He's being treated at a hospital," Kelly said.

The publicist, Stan Rosenfield, said the 45-year-old had an adverse allergic reaction to some medication. "Everything else is speculation," Rosenfield said.

It's not clear who the woman in the hotel room was. Sheen was in New York on a family vacation. His ex-wife, actress Denise Richards, and their two children, Sam, 6, and Lola, 5, also were staying at the hotel in a different room, the official said.

Randy Quaid, wife remain in a Canadian jail

TORONTO (AP)—Actor Randy Quaid and his wife, Evi, remain in a Canadian jail despite being granted a release from custody last week after they were arrested on outstanding warrants in California, a Canadian border official said Tuesday.

The Quaids were arrested last Thursday in a shopping area of a posh Vancouver, British Columbia, neighborhood and were jailed on outstanding U.S. warrants related to vandalism charges. The Quaids are wanted in Santa Barbara, where they missed a court hearing Monday on felony vandalism charges.

The pair were ordered released from custody the next day during a detention review hearing on $9,750 bail and a promise to appear for their next hearing Thursday.

However, Canada Border Services Agency spokeswoman Shakila Manzoor told The Associated Press the Quaids remain in detention but would not disclose further details.

The Quaids' lawyer, Brian Tsuji, declined to comment on why they remain in custody, abruptly ending the phone interview.

Cameraman sues Sacha Baron Cohen over 'Bruno' spat

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A cameraman has sued Sacha Baron Cohen, claiming he was roughed up by a film crew shooting the comedian's "Bruno" character at a gay marriage rally nearly two years ago.

The lawsuit filed by Mike Skiff in Los Angeles on Tuesday seeks more than $25,000 in damages for alleged physical and emotional pain and suffering.

Skiff claims he recognized Baron Cohen during a pro-gay marriage rally in downtown Los Angeles in November 2008. He says he was shoved, pulled and threatened with wooden signs as he filmed Baron Cohen, who was in character as gay Austrian fashion journalist Bruno.

Skiff claims the crew was upset he was filming the comedian.

An e-mail sent to Baron Cohen's publicist, Matt Labov, was not immediately returned.

Another 'Dancing' star heads for the hills

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A second-place finish on Monday's "Dancing With the Stars" couldn't save Audrina Patridge.

The reality TV beauty was dismissed from the hit ABC show Tuesday.

"I had so much fun this entire experience and made such good new friends," she said, thanking the judges and her fans. "It's been a fun journey."

Patridge and professional partner Tony Dovolani earned 24 points out of 30 for their rock-inspired paso doble on Monday's episode. But despite the high score, head judge Len Goodman told the 25-year-old star of MTV's "The Hills" that she was "getting on my nerves a bit."

"You've got the potential to blow us all away week after week," he said. "Your dancing is clean and it's crisp. Every week it lacks the character of the dance."

Patridge and Dovolani earned another eight points during Monday's rock 'n' roll dance marathon, landing them in second place for the night, but they failed to collect enough viewer votes to keep them in the competition.

Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which star is ousted each week.

Six celebrity dancers remain: Actors Jennifer Grey and Kyle Massey, singer-actress Brandy, athletes Rick Fox and Kurt Warner, and Bristol Palin.

AP

In this Monday, Oct. 25, 2010 publicity image released by ABC, Audrina Patridge, right, and her partner Tony Dovolani perform on the celebrity dance competition series, "Dancing with the Stars," in Los Angeles.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Rapper T.I. ordered to report to Ark. prison

ATLANTA (AP)—Federal authorities have ordered rapper T.I. to report directly to a federal prison in Arkansas by Nov. 1 to start serving his 11-month prison sentence. U.S. Marshal Beverly Harvard on Tuesday ordered T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., to report to the Forrest City low-security prison where he served parts of an earlier 10-month stint on federal weapons charges. A federal judge in Atlanta sentenced the rapper this month to serve another 11 months in prison for breaking his federal probation after he was arrested Sept. 1 in Los Angeles on drug charges. Prosecutors in Los Angeles said Monday they will not file a felony drug charge against the rapper.

Chef Paula Deen named Rose Parade grand marshal

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Food Network star Paula Deen plans to cook up some fun as grand marshal of the 2011 Rose Parade. The Tournament of Roses made the announcement Tuesday. The 63-year-old chef and cookbook author will ride in the 122nd parade and toss the coin before kickoff of the 97th annual Rose Bowl game on Jan. 1, 2011. Deen says the parade and game have been longtime New Year's traditions at her house, and serving as grand marshal is a dream come true. Deen has sold millions of copies of her cookbooks and appears on two Food Network shows.

DioGuardi heading to Bravo in new competition show

NEW YORK (AP)—The Bravo network says it's bringing former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi back to TV in a series of her own. "Going Platinum" will be a song-writing competition that pits contestants against one another as they live together, all vying for a $100,000 grand prize. DioGuardi will be head judge of the 10-episode series. Singer-songwriter Jewel will serve as host. "Going Platinum" is scheduled to premiere next year, Bravo announced Tuesday. DioGuardi, who has written hit songs for such artists as Carrie Underwood and Pink, was a judge on "American Idol" the past two seasons.

Group posts video of country star killing bear

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—An animal rights group has posted a video of country music star Troy Gentry killing a captive, tame black bear in Minnesota. The group SHARK—Showing Animals Respect and Kindness—obtained the video from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act, and posted it on YouTube on Monday. Steve Hindi, president of the Geneva, Ill.-based group, said SHARK wanted to make the video public because it thought Gentry got off too lightly. Gentry, half of the duo Montgomery Gentry, pleaded guilty in 2006 to falsely registering the bear as shot in the wild. He was fined $15,000 and put on probation for three months. He also forfeited the stuffed bear and the bow he used. Montgomery Gentry's management company did not immediately respond to messages.

Apology won't heal massage therapist's broken fingers

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband, children and I were visiting our friend "Rosemary" and her husband. Our boys were playing with water guns in the front yard. One of them opened Rosemary's car door to block himself from his brother's line of fire. Rosemary, understandably, became upset and went to shut the door before the interior of her vehicle got soaked. As she did so, our son slammed the door and caught her hand in it, breaking two fingers.

We apologized profusely, thought all was forgiven and returned home. A week ago, we received a letter from Rosemary stating that we owe her money for several weeks of lost wages due to the mishap. (She's a massage therapist.) I feel that accidents happen and it just as easily could have happened to her if our children weren't present. My husband says we should give her the money because it was our child who injured her and it's a way to save our friendship. What should we do?

"HAND"-ED A CHALLENGE

DEAR "HAND"-ED: What your son did was unfortunate, but your attitude about it is appalling. You should not only reimburse Rosemary for the work she lost, you should also offer to pay for her medical expense.

P.S. Your son should also take responsibility and offer to do errands for her for a specific period of time.

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DEAR ABBY: Over the weekend, I visited my best friend out of state. On Saturday, we'd finished touring the state capitol building and exited opposite from where we'd entered. Outside, halfway down the steps, we saw a wedding was about to start. I love weddings and wanted to watch the ceremony. The idea made my friend a little uncomfortable, but I saw no problem with it. We were about 100 feet away from the event and didn't interfere or mingle with any of the people involved. We left as soon as the ceremony finished. Of course, I wouldn't think of inviting ourselves to the reception.

My friend and I didn't argue. I'm just curious about whether watching the wedding was inappropriate under those circumstances.

LOVES THE POMP IN DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR LOVES THE POMP: Because the wedding was held in a public place and you kept your distance, there was no reason why pausing to watch the ceremony was inappropriate. Nor was there any reason for the wedding party to expect complete privacy.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband who is loving, a good friend to me, and a loving father to our children. Due to back problems and other contributing factors, he is unable to work.

I know he would rather be working and that he's unhappy his injuries keep him from doing so. Our problem comes when people we know or meet ask him the inevitable, "So, what do you do for a living?"

Abby, neither of us has a job outside the home. What can we politely tell these people that will satisfy their curiosity without embarrassing my husband?

TONGUE-TIED IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR TONGUE-TIED: I see nothing embarrassing about your husband replying, "I was working as a ( ), but injured my back and can't work, so I'm on disability." It's the truth.

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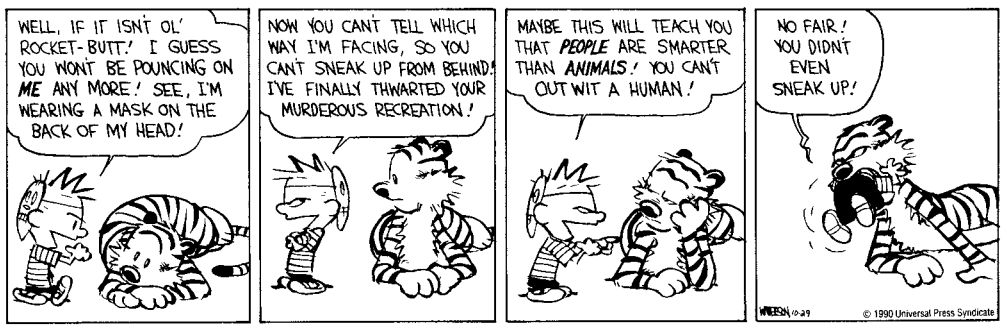
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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By Glenn McCoy

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I DID. IT'S ON THE STOOP.
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17 Neighborhood
18 Proof abbr.
19 Baseball field, in part
21 Tap
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28 Formal wear
32 Lima's land
34 Crazy
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41 Under the weather
42 Round Table address
44 Caught in the act
46 Jai alai venue
50 Barracks bed
51 Emanation
52 Holes 10-18, in golf
56 Layer
57 Garfield's foil
58 Listener
59 Organic compound
60 Small pie
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6 Preppy shirt brand
7 Mass hysteria
8 Hair salon request
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10 Tied
11 Anthropologist Margaret
16 Four mos. after 20-Down
20 See 16-Down
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22 First victim
23 Scot's chapeau
27 Shrill bark
29 California college
30 Cleo's river
31 Auctioneer's call
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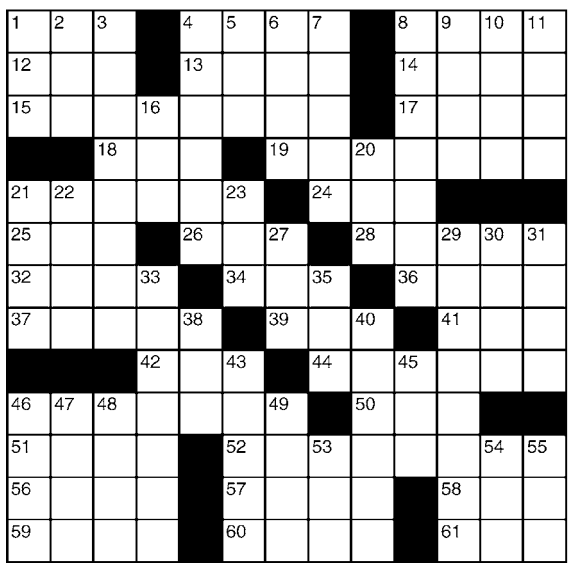

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): A change in your financial situation is apparent. Don't be fooled by someone claiming to talk from experience about how to handle your money. Take a wait and see attitude. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Associate with people who share your interests. Partnerships can be formed and serious steps taken toward a more fulfilling life. Your effort will be directly linked to the amount of assistance you receive. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Your impulsiveness will be your downfall. Try to refrain from making snap decisions that have the potential to go either way. You'll be caught in the crossfire if you meddle in someone else's affairs. Compassion and understanding will get you further ahead. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll have trouble containing your excitement. Let your feelings be known and don't hesitate to make a romantic move that can change the course of your life. You cannot let the demands of others stand in the way of your happiness. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You need to allow others to make mistakes instead of always stepping up and taking care of everything. It's time you had a break or made some personal changes. A secret engagement may be exciting but know what you are getting into before you begin. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Relationships with friends, neighbors and your lover are likely to excel if you get involved in something creative or that others enjoy doing. Don't let your past come back to haunt you—tidy up loose ends fast. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You cannot change what has already happened. You can, however, change what you are doing in the present if you analyze what went wrong in the past. Use your intelligence to convince others to stand behind you. Refuse to be manipulated by emotional blackmail. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You have so much going for you and you don't even know it. Whatever hasn't been working for you in the past should be put to rest to make room for new enterprises. Trust your instincts and believe in your ability. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): The more hospitable and attentive you are, the better things will turn out for you. Don't be influenced by someone's uncertainty. A relationship with someone you meet at a function will pay off financially or contractually. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): As long as you are certain about what you are trying to accomplish and why, you will win the support you need. Don't allow someone to mislead or misdirect you. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put your money into something with growth potential. Spending on friends, travel or items that you think are going to make you feel better will only lead to a letdown. You have to have a plan if you want to get ahead. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You've got everything going for you personally, professionally and financially if you make the right move now. Contracts are looking good and partnerships even better. Rid yourself of any negative people, projects or pastimes and put all your effort into positive ideas and plans. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are possessive, thoughtful and sensitive. You are a collector, historian and a traditionalist. You are charming and creative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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By DAVID OUELLET

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Zoning Officer

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Zoning Officer. This is a full-time position on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Duties and Responsibilities: Process permit applications including conducting pre-application consultations, reviewing applications for compliance, tracking timelines and public notice requirements, coordinating interagency consultations, and preparing written recommendations; Conduct field surveys to inspect compliance with the Zoning Law and to collect land use information; Educate and inform the public and applicants about the zoning program and permit requirements; Prepare notices of violation and other compliance documents for approval by the Zoning Administrator; Serve notices of violations; Coordinate with staff of other agencies to enhance effectiveness and efficiency; Maintain detailed records of all actions, using paper and electronic media; Other duties as required.

Minimum Requirements: Graduation from an accredited two-year college or university with an AA Degree. The following professional experience may substitute for the AA Degree: A minimum of three years of experience in any combination of land use planning, zoning, public administration, public health, business management, public policy, natural resource management, environmental management, land management, or related field; Proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Explorer. Other desired experiences include ability to drive a stick-shift car and to walk into construction sites and across rough terrain; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends; Fluent in Chamorro or Carolinian. Applicant must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

The salary range is from $25,000 to 28,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Health, life and retirement benefits are provided. Information about the Zoning Board and the Zoning Office may be viewed at the Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp. Application submittals should be addressed to Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator. Submittals may be sent via e-mail, FAX, U.S. mail, or hand delivered to the address below. Submittals must include a letter of interest, a CNMI Application For Employment, and a resume. The Application for Employment may be downloaded from the publications page of the Zoning Board website. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or immediate relatives. Send submittals to: E-mail: staff@zoning.gov.mp or by Hand Delivery to Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

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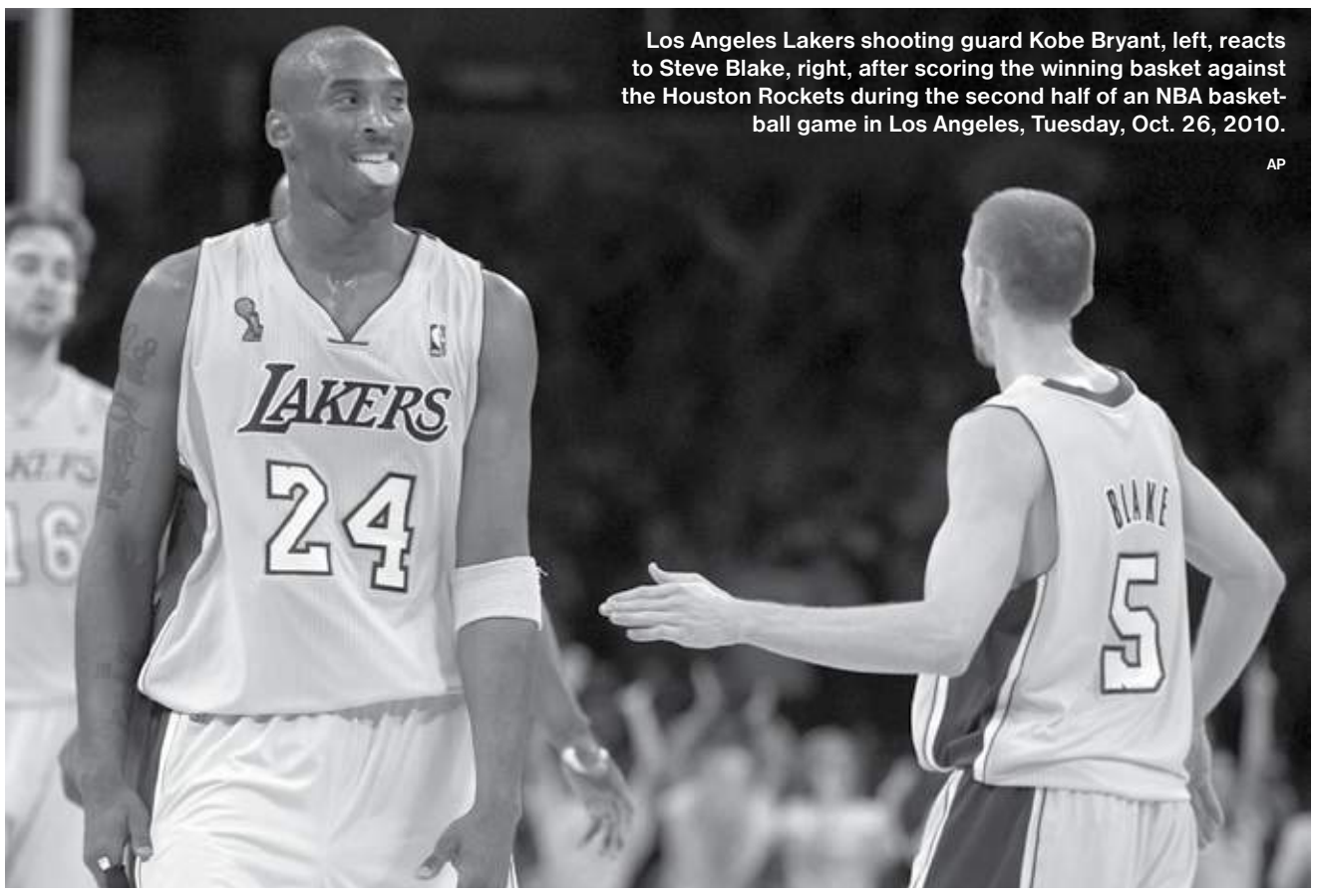


Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard Kobe Bryant, left, reacts to Steve Blake, right, after scoring the winning basket against the Houston Rockets during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010.

AP

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Lakers' emotions ran high when the lights went down at Staples Center. They walked to center court one at a time, accepting a gaudy ring before saying something heartfelt about the next teammate in line.

The two-time NBA champions needed every bit of that family bond just to survive the first test in a season that's sure to be full of them.

Kobe Bryant scored 27 points, newcomer Steve Blake hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 18.8 seconds left, and Los Angeles rallied late for a 112-110 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Pau Gasol had 29 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who hung the golden banner celebrating their 16th NBA championship and handed out their impossibly ostentatious rings in a surprisingly touching pregame ceremony.

"It's always fun when this night comes and there's a chance to enjoy it," said Bryant, a five-time champion along with Derek Fisher. "And tonight it was a little more special because we all introduced each other. It's special. We know the bond that we share, and for (Fisher) to bring me out there, that was great."

But the champs then fell behind by 15 points before rallying for a fourth-quarter lead behind a 3-point barrage by Shannon Brown, who scored 14 of his 16 points in a 6 1/2-minute span.

The clubs traded the lead four times in the final minute, but Houston's Luis Scola missed a difficult scoop shot with 3 seconds left. After officials used a lengthy video review to award possession of the loose ball to Houston with 2.4 seconds to play, Aaron Brooks' layup attempt at the buzzer was blocked by Lamar Odom.

"Getting those rings, you're definitely on a high," said Brown, who turned down significant free-agent offers for a shot at a threepeat. "You have to come back down, because that's history. That's something nobody can take away from you ever, but it doesn't help us in the next game."

Kevin Martin scored 26 points and Brooks had 18 of his 24 in the first half of Houston's eighth loss in its last nine regular-season meetings with the Lakers.

Yao Ming had nine points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 6:30 left in his first NBA game since the 2009 playoffs, also against the Lakers. The Chinese center missed last season after surgery on his left foot, yet the Rockets were in position for a stunning win until the buzzer.

"They're the world champs, and we knew it was going to be tough," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "But I thought we responded pretty well. I think (for) about seven minutes, we just didn't play the way we're capable of, and they got back in the game."

Brooks blamed himself for the Rockets' failure in the final seconds after he curled underneath the basket.

"When I caught the ball, I didn't know exactly where I was on the floor," Brooks said. "Then I took a dribble and realized where I was, and I tried to drive, but my leg kind of slipped."

The Rockets didn't make the celebration easy in the Lakers' first real home game since that gut-wrenching, come-from-behind victory in Game 7 of the NBA finals four months ago. Los Angeles trailed by 11 points late in the third quarter before a 21-4 run featuring 12 consecutive points.

The Lakers understandably had a little trouble focusing after the pregame festivities.

The nine remaining Lakers' rings are small asteroids of excess designed by owner Jerry Buss. They feature 16 oversized diamonds for each Lakers title, a three-dimensional rendering of each player's face, and even a small piece of the leather from a basketball used in Game 7 of the NBA finals.

In contrast, the ring ceremony was all heart. NBA commissioner David Stern and Lakers executive Jeanie Buss stood at center court waiting for coach Phil Jackson, who accepted his 11th ring and said a few kind words before introducing forward Luke Walton, who introduced Odom, who introduced Ron Artest—all the way to Fisher introducing Bryant to thunderous applause.

"I think that the players were emboldened by the ring," Jackson said. "I think they were excited about it, so that part of it, I thought was good. I just didn't think we played with the right speed and tempo in the first half. We got a lot of shots, not a lot of them good."

The Lakers hung in with scoring from Bryant and Gasol, and Blake hit back-to-back 3-pointers in the final minute of the third quarter to trim Houston's lead to five points entering the fourth.

Brown's layup put the Lakers ahead 88-86 with 9:08 left near the end of the Lakers' big run, but Houston took a 108-107 lead with 53 seconds left. Gasol and Scola traded baskets before Blake came open on the perimeter and confidently drained his third 3-pointer.

"It feels great to contribute in your first game, but it's even better to win in your first game," Blake said.

Celtics 88, Heat 80

In Boston, LeBron James scored 31 points, but the other members of Miami's new All-Star trio struggled as the Heat lost to the Boston Celtics.

Dwyane Wade was limited to 13 points on 4-of-16 shooting and Chris Bosh added just eight points and eight rebounds. The star trio combined for 15 of the Heat's 17 turnovers—eight by James, six by Wade and one by Bosh.

Ray Allen led Boston with 20 points, Paul Pierce scored 19 and Kevin Garnett had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Those three joined together in 2007 and led the Celtics to the NBA title that season—providing the model for what Miami is trying to achieve this season.

Boston led 16-9 after one quarter, the first time since March 15, 2009 that the Heat scored nine points or fewer in a period.

Trail Blazers 106, Suns 92

In Portland, Nicolas Batum scored 19 points, including three late 3-pointers, and had 11 rebounds to lead Portland to a season-opening victory over Phoenix.

Brandon Roy scored 24 points for the Blazers, who fell to the Suns in the first round of the playoffs last season.

Steve Nash had 26 points for the Suns, who trailed most of the first half before going ahead in the third quarter.

Scores were locked 86-86 with 8:15 to go. Batum hit a 3-pointer and a jumper to make it 97-91 with 3:14 left, and sank two further long shots.

Lakers receive spoils from 2nd straight NBA *title*

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Lakers unveiled their latest NBA championship banner Tuesday night on the west wall of Staples Center and got their rings handed to them by Commissioner David Stern.

Then they were nearly handed a large dose of humility by the Houston Rockets before erasing a 15-point deficit and pulling out a 112-110 victory.

"It was an emotional night for them, so we knew that if we jumped on them early, we'd have a shot to steal this one," said Rockets forward Shane Battier. "But they showed a lot of resolve. They're the team to beat, and the road to the championship still goes through them."

Sometimes, all this ring-ceremony hoopla can become a distraction. In their 11 banner unveilings in Los Angeles, the Lakers have lost four times—twice during the "Showtime" era, when Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson were the marquee names.

In 1985, Cleveland beat Pat Riley's squad after they had begun the defense of its title with a 4-0 road trip. In 1982, Golden State administered a 132-117 pounding at the Forum—the worst loss by a defending NBA champion on banner night until 2006, when the Riley-coached Heat got trounced 108-66 by Chicago.

Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher, who matched Abdul-Jabbar's and Magic Johnson's Laker ring totals with their fifth each, got their first one the same night they lost to Utah 97-92 in November 2000. Two years later, they celebrated their three-peat right before San Antonio beat them 97-92.

"You tell 'em to go enjoy the ring ceremony and then get down to work. It's not always possible to get focused again," said coach Phil Jackson, who won six titles as coach in Chicago after winning two as a player with New York in the early 1970s.

Nine players remaining from last season's triumph over the Boston Celtics took part in Tuesday's ceremony. After Jackson was presented with his 11th championship ring as an NBA head coach and fifth with Los Angeles, Bryant and Fisher followed their teammates one by one to midcourt to a thunderous ovation.

Bryant was the Finals MVP for the second time in his career after winning the honors the previous year against the Orlando Magic.

"We couldn't have done it without you," Bryant told the roaring sellout crowd. "But none of this would have been possible without the greatest team owner in team sports. So please give it up for Jerry Buss."

The 76-year-old Buss, who was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in August, designed the ring, according to Jackson. The cost of each was not divulged, but the effort that went into creating them suggests its exorbitant value could probably eclipse any before it.

The uniqueness of it has to do with a piece of leather from the game ball from Game 7 of the finals, which was attached to the underside of each ring. The front features a circumference of 16 oversized white diamonds representing the franchise's 16 NBA titles, and two championship trophies made of 16-karat gold. On one side is a three-dimensional likeness of the player receiving it.

Abdul-Jabbar, who attended the ceremony, acknowledged that the size and price of his rings has been dwarfed by the ones of this generation.

"I think that's just a function of the fact that the game has become so popular and it's become a major part of what people see as entertainment. So everything around it has gotten more extravagant—and in some cases, outlandish," the Hall of Famer and NBA all-time points leader said with a smile.

After Lamar Odom received his ring, all eyes were fixed on enigmatic forward Ron Artest, who four weeks ago made the stunning announcement that he would raffle off his first championship ring on Christmas Day when the two-time defending champs host LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat.

Artest, an All-Star with the Pacers in 2003-04, will be putting his expensive bauble up for bids to raise money for mental health counseling in schools—something he received for a few months at age 13 before the funding for that program dried up. He's already turned down flat offers ranging from $50,000 and $100,000 for the ring.

Artest, whose checkered NBA career included a brawl with fans during a game at Detroit, scored 20 points in the clinching game against the Celtics—including a clutch 3-pointer in the final minute of the 83-79 victory at Staples Center.

"I'm really happy for him," Rockets coach Rick Adelman said. "He's been through a heck of a lot the last few years and he's had to keep some discipline in him. And coming in here with the world champs, he was able to fit in and get a ring. I always felt he was going to do just fine once he fit in and everything. Number one, Ron respected the guys on the Laker team, especially Kobe and Gasol, and he was going to do whatever it took for that team to win."

The Lakers eventually will get rings to four players no longer in purple and gold—Jordan Farmar (New Jersey), Josh Powell (Atlanta), D.J. Mbenga (New Orleans) and Adam Morrison (waived by Washington).

Ross, Giants ready for Lee in World Series opener

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Buster Posey, Pablo Sandoval and the rest of the San Francisco Giants can study the scouting reports and videotape all they want, trying to find the secret to getting a hit against Cliff Lee.

Or, they can just ask Cody Ross.

Because many years ago, before he blossomed into the MVP of the NL championship series, Ross was a struggling rookie with the Detroit Tigers. Who happened to hit his first major league home run off Lee. A grand slam, at that.

Of course, Lee was early in his career, too. He hardly had become Mr. Perfect in the postseason, the left-hander who will pose a giant challenge for San Francisco when it faces the Texas Rangers in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday night.

"Cliff Lee, superhero," summed up Sandoval.

Watch Lee from the center-field camera and it's difficult to tell exactly what makes him so dominant.

David Price brings more heat. Andy Pettitte brought more October experience. But Lee beat them in the playoffs.

Maybe it's the way he throws any of his pitches for strikes on any count. At any speed, too. A real-life version of a video game - try to duplicate that in "Major League Baseball 2K10."

"Confidence, relying on my routine," Lee said Tuesday before the Rangers worked out. "Going out there and expecting to be successful."

Lee is 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight lifetime postseason starts heading into his matchup with two-time NL Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum in the opener. Lee went 3-0 this year in the AL playoffs, striking out 34 and walking just one.

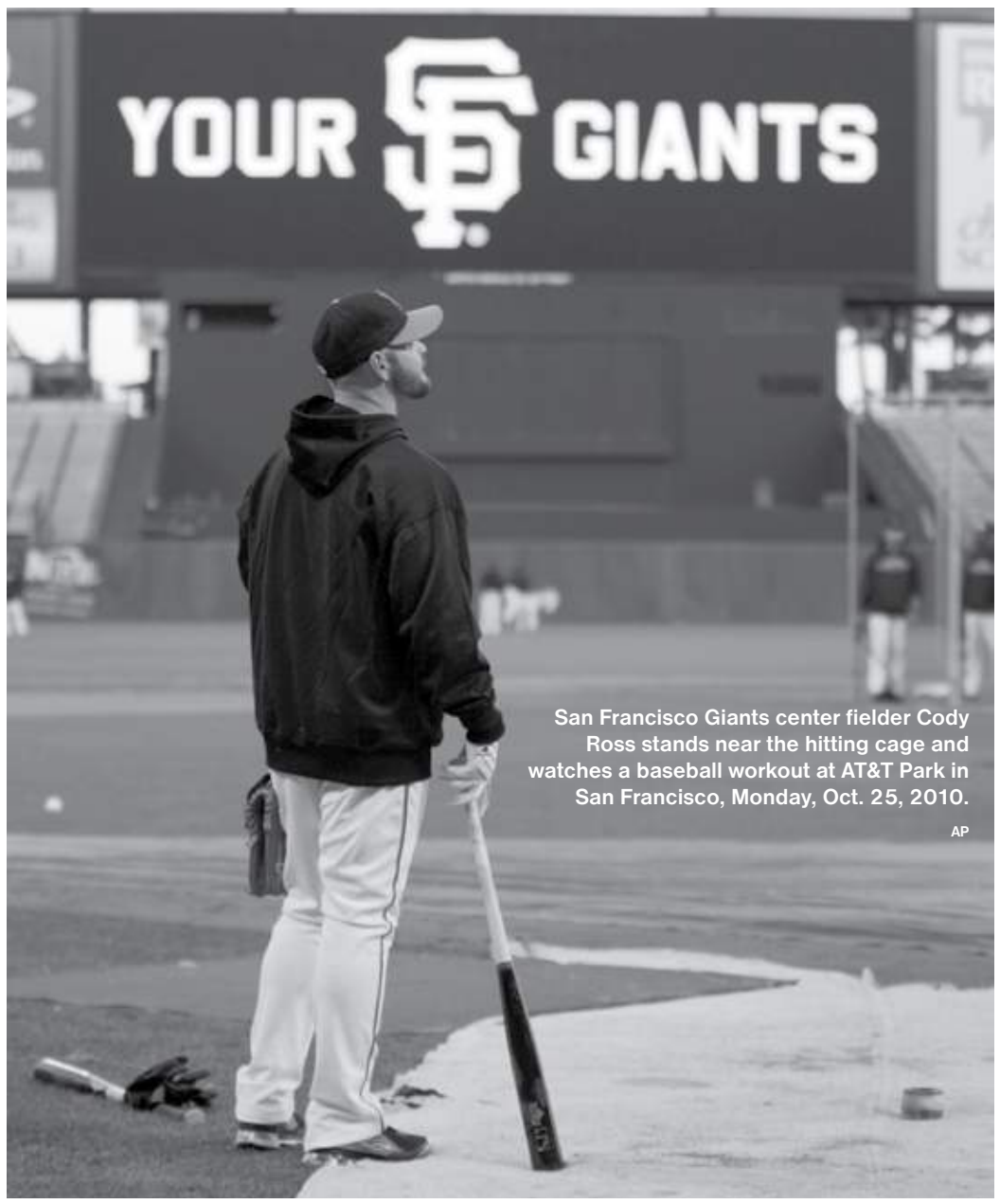
Lincecum and Lee pose an intriguing matchup of opposite artisans. The Giants' lanky ace's pitches have dizzying movement, while Lee is able to adjust his pinpoint control for an umpire's strike zone.

Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux said Lee reminds him of someone he knows well—namely his brother, four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux. A left-handed version, naturally.

"If you can command your fastball and change speeds, you're going to have good results," Maddux said.

Lee's severe strikeout-to-walk ratio has prompted many to suggest the best strategy is to hit the first strike he throws, rather than risk falling behind in the count.

"People love to talk about Cliff throwing strikes but it's not like he's just gunning balls down the middle of the plate," Texas third baseman Michael Young said. "There's a big difference between throwing strikes and throwing quality strike after quality strike."



San Francisco Giants center fielder Cody Ross stands near the hitting cage and watches a baseball workout at AT&T Park in San Francisco, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010.

AP

A win over the Giants will tie Lee for the best start in postseason history—Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez, with all his quirky gyrations and deliveries, won his first eight decisions.

To Lee, it's all rather routine. In fact, there was a neat picture of him during the playoffs, yawning in the dugout at Yankee Stadium.

Sure doesn't look like someone pitching in huge games.

"I don't really look at it like that," Lee said a few days ago. "Some people might, I don't feel any more pressure."

Lee has been equally perfect against the Giants—three starts, three wins and a 1.13 ERA. He last faced them in 2009 in his first start after being traded from Cleveland to Philadelphia, and breezed at AT&T Park.

"Weather and clubhouse and the bullpens" are different, he said. "Once you get on the mound, it's 60 feet, 6 inches and you've still got a professional hitter in there trying to do damage off of you. To me, that doesn't really matter that much."

Call it superstition or just being comfortable, Lee doesn't like to change his hat, glove or cleats during the season. Sometimes he has to—he's been traded four times in his career, most recently from Seattle to Texas before the All-Star break.

Lee found himself with mixed emotions watching Philadelphia, where he won twice in the World Series last year, play San Francisco in the NLCS.

Sure, he was friendly with many of his former Phillies teammates. But there was the other side of the baseball business.

"I didn't mind seeing them get beat because they got rid of me," he said.

Now, the Texas pitchers are the ones who benefit from Lee's presence.

"I've become more like Cliff in my preparation since he's been here," starter C.J. Wilson said. "I watch what he does through an order, and if they don't adapt he doesn't have to. Whereas I used to get into trouble before, where I would adapt maybe before the hitters showed me an adjustment, and I would basically turn into their strengths. But Cliff trusts his strengths to the degree that he doesn't think he has to do anything different from game to game."

Several of the Giants have faced Lee many times.

Juan Uribe is 11 for 37 (.297) with two homers against him. Jose Guillen is 9 for 25 (.360) with two homers. Aaron Rowand is 7 for 25 (.280) with four doubles and a home run. Aubrey Huff is 5 for 19 (.263).

Rowand is willing to give any advice he can.

"You can watch video. You can talk to them about what his out pitches are, what he likes to do when he's ahead, and with runners on," he said.

Then there's Ross.

Ross had played a handful of games in the majors and had only two career hits when he faced Lee on Sept. 2, 2003. Ross struck out looking his first time up, but got more than even in his next at-bat, launching the first grand slam ever allowed by the young Cleveland lefty.

The game was memorable for Ross because of something else. In the late innings, he tripped over first base beating out a bunt, tore his knee, was carted off the field and done for the season.

Both Ross and Lee have come quite a way since then. They haven't faced each other since the slam, either. Ross promises his team will be ready for baseball's No. 1 postseason ace, having already solved the supposedly unbeatable Roy Halladay in the NLCS opener.

"It was the Halladay show a week ago after he threw the no-hitter against the Reds," Ross said. "We're not surprising anybody, believe me. Everybody knows how good our pitching staff is. But I think we prefer for everyone to talk about everybody else."

No surgery for Romo, QB to miss 6-8 weeks

IRVING, Texas (AP)—Tony Romo doesn't need surgery on his broken left collarbone, just time for it to heal.

He may have all the way until the spring minicamp.

Romo is expected to miss between six and eight weeks, which could be an eternity for the 1-5 Dallas Cowboys. If their playoff hopes aren't already squelched, they likely will be by the time their Pro Bowl quarterback is healthy again. So perhaps team owner Jerry Jones will end up telling Romo to call it a season and rest up for 2011.

Think about it: Considering how wretched the Cowboys were led by their star, it seems unlikely they will turn things around while led by 38-year-old backup Jon Kitna, who hadn't thrown a pass in more than two years before Monday night and whose last gig as a starter was on the Detroit club that went winless in 2008.

"We're not going to stop right now and give up or quit or whine or even make excuses," coach Wade Phillips said Tuesday. "You've just got to go forward. That's what we have to do. I think our guys will band together."

Dallas opened training camp being hyped as favorites to reach the Super Bowl, which will be played at Jones' $1.2 billion stadium. The Cowboys already were on the brink of being left behind when Romo threw a pass early in the second quarter, then took a hard - but clean - hit from New York Giants linebacker Michael Boley.

Boley drove Romo into the ground on his left shoulder, leaving him flat on his back. Boley heard Romo "let out a little scream" and the quarterback had trouble breathing and regaining his senses. X-rays taken immediately showed the fracture and further tests Tuesday, including a CT scan, confirmed the initial diagnosis.

Phillips spoke with Romo on Tuesday and described him as disappointed.

"He's going to be sad for a while," Phillips said.

Romo also may be peeved at rookie fullback Chris Gronkowski, who was supposed to have gotten in Boley's way.

"We just made a mistake," Phillips said. "It certainly was unfortunate for Tony. It was a base thing that we've run since training camp. That was the discouraging thing. ... (Romo) just fell the wrong way. He's been hit before, but this time it was more serious."

Troy Aikman had the same injury in 1998 and missed seven weeks. Even at the best-case scenario of six weeks, it's hard to imagine the Cowboys being contenders by then. Base that on how they've played so far as well as who they have coming up: four clubs with winning records (Packers, Giants again, Saints and Colts) and a pair of downtrodden clubs that would love kicking someone else when they are down, especially when that team is the Cowboys (Jaguars on Sunday, Lions).

"We got one game left—one game, that's it," Phillips said, refusing to look beyond Jacksonville's visit to Cowboys Stadium on Sunday. "You can talk about 10 games, and this game, and hard schedule and all that. We've got one game. We've got to play that game. We've got to play as hard as we can play. And try to win that ball game, and that's what we are going to do."

This season is such a disaster that 2010 already is connected to two of the worst teams in club history: 1989 (1-15 in the first year of Jones' ownership) and 1960 (0-11-1 in franchise's inaugural year). At least both those teams had excuses for being so terrible.

The only other time Dallas was this bad this early was in 1963. Coach Tom Landry's fourth team was expected to be up-and-comers, but struggled and was further hurt by the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas. After going 4-10, Landry received a 10-year contract extension to show how much management believed in him.

Ah, how times have changed.

The only job security for Phillips is that Romo's absence helps ensure his employment the rest of this season. Jones has been adamant about wanting to keep him and might as well since it's a lost cause anyway.

"Romo getting hurt doesn't affect the way I feel about Wade," Jones said after the game.

With the Cowboys losing their relevancy before Halloween, local sports fans can turn their attention to the Rangers in the World Series or the Mavericks season that begins Wednesday night. The football loyalists are probably working on their mock drafts, guessing whether Jones will want to spruce up the offensive line or go for another "wow" pick such as Dez Bryant.

The Cowboys probably won't go looking for another quarterback because they already have millions of dollars and 1 1/2 seasons invested in Kitna and his backup, Stephen McGee, a fourth-round pick from Texas A&M in 2009.

Kitna was out of whack for much of the second and third quarters—while the defense was giving up 31 unanswered points, including scores on five straight drives; Phillips described it as "a lull after Tony left." Trailing 38-20, Kitna threw two touchdown passes in the final few minutes, narrowing the final score to 41-35 and giving Phillips hope for the coming weeks.

"I think he'll do a good job," Phillips said. "That's why we got him—in case things like this happen."

Rocball players host exhibition games for visitors

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Saipan Rocball players treated some visitors to two exhibition games last weekend at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Chris Layung, J.R. Gechig, John Nekaifes, Jerry Saures, Ben Lisua, and Jordan Igisomar, challenged the team composed of Joemil Lisua, Nate Kaipat, A.J. Aguilar, Wilton Laniyo, Jack Sachuo, and Jason Limes in the first exhibition match with FIVB official, Thomas Santamaria, witnessing the match.

Santamaria was on Saipan last week to conduct a volleyball clinic for coaches and teachers. He watched how Rocball players on the island play the sport and adopted some volleyball rules.

In the second exhibition game last Saturday, Saipan Rocball players showed their skills to members of the Andersen Air Force men's basketball team. Later in the match, the Andersen Bombers' Louis Favela played too and got his own taste of the indigenous sport on the island.

"One of the players for the Bombers had some volleyball skills and joined our Rocball players. Guam's Anderson Air Force volleyball team has been invited to come to Saipan and learn about our indigenous sport," Rocball creator Jim Feger said.

Meanwhile, besides the Rocball community league that started two weeks ago, Feger said they are also holding a high school competition.

Hit-It and the Kingz debuted in the high school league with the former winning in three sets, 49-38.

Hit It's David Kapileo was the game's heavy hitter, making 11 off two aces, two kees, and one goal. The Hits-It and Kings match produced 11 kees, eight aces, three goals, and three xunks. Hits-It owned all the aces and scored two xunks against the Kingz's only one. The Kingz had two goals against only one from Hits-It.

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Ben Lisua was one of the Saipan Rocball players who played in two exhibition games for visitors last week at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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suya defenders, turned around, and made the dagger.

Ebisuya had no timeout left and was forced to make a quick inbound from the backcourt for a hurried shot and missed. It was a disappointing loss for MAFEA-Ebisuya, which dominated most parts of the game until Guiab broke loose in the remaining 54 seconds of the match.

MAFEA-Ebisuya led by as much as 15 in the third period, 55-40, and was protecting a seven-point lead, 84-77, going into the last two minutes of the game.

A Bobby Vargas split made it an 85-77 lead before Tony Diaz canned a layup to move Cabalen within six, 79-85, with 1:05 left in the match.

MAFEA-Ebisuya then committed a couple of errors, missed important shots in the ensuing plays, while Guiab started a scoring spree, making three free throws and a layup. His third charity sliced Ebisuya's lead to one, 84-85, with 34 ticks to go in the fourth.

Ebisuya lost the ball anew in its next offensive set when Banjo Basilla slammed into Cabalen defenders. Robert Tamondong picked up the loose ball, but could not hang on to it with the leather rolling to Rebuyon's side. Rebuyon took the possession and Cabalen gave up a preemptive foul.

Before Rebuyon's charities, Cabalen informed the scorer's table that it will call a timeout if Rebuyon makes the second free throw. Rebuyon muffed both and Cabalen had no chance to sue for time. Fortunately for Cabalen, Guaib had the presence of mind to dribble toward their frontcourt for the championship-winning basket.

The masters finals finished past 9pm due to rain. The match was halted by rain three times with the last time at the 5:26 mark of the fourth and the score pegged at 78-73, in favor of MAFEA-Ebisuya.

Throngs of basketball fans patiently waited for the resumption of the title match and the long wait was worth it as they witnessed one of the classic tales of comebacks in UFO caging history.

Tony Diaz top-scored for Cabalen with his 25 points, while Guaib added 21, 11 in the fourth quarter, earning the latter the Finals MVP plum. Ernie Moises led all scorers with 31 points.

Cabalen-Wings Travel 86 – Diaz 25, Guaib 21, Fernandez 17, Guiang 12, Tamondong 6, Santos 5.

MAFEA-Ebisuya 85 – Moises 31, Rebuyon 21, Basilla 16, Tengco 7, Vargas 7, Tudela 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-28, 40-53, 60-70, 86-85.

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Team Underworld Xtreme in the 165-lb division.

The rest of Trench Warz 13's fight card is the following:

■ Trench Tech's Mark "The Dark" Nuique (5-0) vs. Team Haga's CJ "Face" Takai (2-2) in the 140-lb division;

■ Team Predator Combat's Martin "Ning" Cepeda (1-1) vs. first-timer Jason Kirklend in the 185-lb division;

■ Marianas Elite's Derrick "El Peligro" Rangamar (3-9) vs. Team Zeng Zung's Craig "Earthquake" Borja (3-0) in the 140-lb division;

■ Trench Tech's Bad Brad Palacios (8-3) vs. Team Zalaka's Derrick "The Gladiator" Chen in the 145-lb division;

■ Team Predator Combat's Ed "Styx" Castro (2-0) vs. Trench Tech's Slade "The Rage" Adelbai (7-5) in the 195-lb division;

■ Guahan Top Team's Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig (3-5) vs. Team Bonds' Tomoya "Katana" Kato (8-3) in the 150-lb division;

■ Trench Tech gem Darrel "The Derailer" Salas (5-1) vs. Kisetsu Warriors' Wyenu "One Time" Bamba (12-5) in the 180-lb division;

■ Kisetsu Warriors' Thomas Cruz (2-4) vs. Trench Tech's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse (6-2) in the 165-lb division;

■ GTT/UX's Peter "Big Mac" Miyasaki vs. newcomer Moses "Big Bang" Buekis in the 255-lb division;

■ American Kickboxing Academy's J.J. Ambrose (7-2) vs. PureBred Japan's Masakazu Taguchi (3-5) in the 160-lb division;

■ Team Predator Combat's "Tabi" Jay Muna (4-1) vs. Team Zalaka's Jacob Ilo in K-1 kickboxing bout; and

■ Zeng Zung's Joe Ray "Manglo" Manglona vs. fellow newcomer John "The Process" Moses.

Tickets for Trench Warz 13 are on sale right now at Trench Tech, the 670 Rocksteady Shop, Hannam Markets, and Borderline Skate Shop. Power 99 will also be giving away free tickets over the radio. All tickets cost only $25 and doors open at 7pm.

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as much as six midway in the fourth.

The defeat also came after MDX-Chow Queen missed a chance to win Game 1 in regulation.

The fourth quarter ended with MDX supposedly going to the foul line with the score tied at 84-84. MDX had a chance to take the series opener when referee Lito Salas charged a foul on Jomary Tumaquip. Tumaquip committed the foul against the driving Wowie Abuel with the clock winding down.

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt contested the call, saying the time had ran out when the foul was called, thus no free throws should be awarded. Referees and league officials then had a long discussion and eventually decided to nullify the last call and have the two teams play five more minutes.

The game went into overtime after Darwin Barbo made his first free throw and missed the second with five seconds left on the clock. Chow Queen's Kelvin Fitial collared the rebound, thought about going for a backcourt pitch with the time clicking, and dribbled once before finally going for an outlet pass to the sprinting Abuel. Abuel caught the ball, dribbled once, went up for a shot, and was fouled.

Abuel dropped to the floor and failed to get up even after the last call was reversed. To make things worse for the defending champion, Abuel missed the extension period due to injury.

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt also lost key player Elmer Esdrelon in overtime due to cramps. However, Bernard Aquino, Tumaquip, and Edmark Mendoza stepped up in the extra five minutes to lift MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt to a win.

Aquino had eight points in overtime, sealing the win from the foul line after going 3-for-4 in the closing seconds of the game. Tumaquip made two field goals and had a couple of crucial steals, while Mendoza added five, going 3-for-4 from the stripe.

MDX-Chow Queen muffed several charities in overtime, hitting only 2-for-9, and committed costly turnovers.

Aquino top-scored for MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt with 24 points, while Barbo chipped in 21. Mel Capalad contributed 15 and Esdrelon and Tumaquip had 11 and 10, respectively.

Abuel led MDX with 20 markers, but was scoreless in the fourth quarter. Dave Sablan tallied 10, but went 1-for-4 from the foul line in overtime. Kae Bernardo still finished with 10 points, but was without a field goal in the second half.

The defending champion trailed early, as it could not find the right combination on the floor and failed to get its outside game going.

Bon Tamayo, who averaged at least three treys per game, was held to only three field goals and canned his lone triple only in the third period. Ivan De Vero also struggled making only four points, two each in the first and overtime, and missed two important free throws in the extension.

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt 103 – Aquino 24, D. Barbo 21, M. Capalad 15, Esdrelon 11, Tumaquip 10, Talania 8, Mendoza 8.

MDX-Chow Queen 96 – Abuel 20, Sablan 19, Aquino 10, Bernardo 10, Tamayo 9, Fitial 8, Demapan 6, Mortos 6, Basilla 4, Ivan De Vero 4.

Scoring by quarters: 22-16, 49-43, 66-65, 84-84, 103-96.

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home team Trouble Shooters won three of the four singles 301 matches and both wild cricket games to build an early lead. Then after winning a partners Burma Half-It contest, the Trouble Shooters swept both partners 501 matches for the automatic victory. They added a cricket match and the final team 1001 game to their total. Trouble Shooter Jess Iglecias won al five of his matches.

DPH-Oh Yeah! 11, NMC-PROA 4

After both teams won a pair of singles 301 matches at USSP, visiting Oh Yeah! swept both wild cricket games, both partners Burma Half-It matches and both partners 501 contests for a swift automatic victory. Oh Yeah! added a pair of cricket matches and the final team 1001 game to their total. Team member Jeff Sablan won all six of his matches.

PSS Na'Gupu 12, PSS South Side 3

At Naked Fish Bar & Grill, visiting South Side had only two players representing their team, which enabled sister team Na'Gupu to win three of four singles 301 matches, both wild cricket games, both partners Burma Half-It contests and both partners 501 games for a crushing victory. Na'Gupu then poured salt in the wound and took a pair of cricket matches and the final team 1001 game.

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in an uneventful final period. Talalemotu and Darag combined for 44 points in the game for Rollers B, while Castro delivered 21 points in the loss.

TUESDAY

Ol'Aces 84 – Ogumoro 21, Maratita 17, Taylor 16, Tomokane 11, Web 11, Kautz 8.

Hi-5 42 – Macahito 18, Salem 6, Urbano 6, Atalig 4, G Macahito 2, Rivera 2, Rollon 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-10, 31-22, 57-31, 84-42.

FRIDAY

Rollers B 71 – Talalemotu 24, Darag 20, Hambros 15, Igitol 10, Cepeda 2.

Agape 58 – Castro 21, Ferrer 16, Saturno 10, Sambilay 8, L Pagarao 3, M Norita 2

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 33-27, 51-39, 71-58.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	–
New Jersey	0	0	.000	1/2
New York	0	0	.000	1/2
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	1/2
Toronto	0	0	.000	1/2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	0	0	.000	–
Charlotte	0	0	.000	–
Orlando	0	0	.000	–
Washington	0	0	.000	–
Miami	0	1	.000	1/2

Central Division

Chicago	0	0	.000	–
Cleveland	0	0	.000	–
Detroit	0	0	.000	–
Indiana	0	0	.000	–
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	–

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	0	0	.000	–
Memphis	0	0	.000	–
New Orleans	0	0	.000	–
San Antonio	0	0	.000	–
Houston	0	1	.000	1/2

Northwest Division

Portland	1	0	1.000	–
Denver	0	0	.000	1/2
Minnesota	0	0	.000	1/2
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	1/2
Utah	0	0	.000	1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	–
Golden State	0	0	.000	1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	1/2
Sacramento	0	0	.000	1/2
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1

Yesterday's Games

Boston 88, Miami 80
Portland 106, Phoenix 92
L.A. Lakers 112, Houston 110

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LOCAL SCORES

ROTARY STANDINGS

Sparks	4	0
Ol'Aces	4	2
Rollers	4	2
Hi-5	2	2
G-Stars	2	2
Rollers B	2	4
Agape	0	5

New bike rules for Hell of Marianas out

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REPORTER

Organizers of the 2010 Hell of Marianas Century Cycle have released new bike rules for the Dec. 4 race.

For bikers with mountain bike tires less than 1.6 inches or 4.06 centimeters, they will be required to compete in the road bike category instead of the mountain bike division. Bikers whose slicks are over 1.6 inches or 4.06 centimeters in width can still compete in the mountain bike category. There will be bike inspection on race day to determine if riders will be allowed in the mountain or road bike categories.

The new bike rules apply to both the individual and team events. Teams with members using mountain and road bikes will be categorized under the road bike division.

This year's 100K Hell of the Marianas race are expected to draw more than 100 riders from at least six nations, including the Russians who took the Top 2 sports in the road bike category last year.

Alexandre Bagenov, a Tour de France veteran and used to race for Italy's cycling team Domoni Vacanze, topped last year's Hell after completing the race in three hours, three minutes and 25.88 seconds, just less than two minutes behind the race record of 3:02.22.62 posted by Saipan's Eli Torgeson in 2008. Bagenov's teammate, Eugeniy Smarchkov, came in second at 3:03:26, while Korean Hwan Geol Lee (3:14:00) finished third.

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Father and son Bruce and Alexander Bateman bike near the finish line for the 50K pre-Hell of the Marianas after doing half of the race two weeks ago. This year's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race will hit the road on Dec. 4.

The Russians and several other pros from Japan and Korea will battle for this year's road race championship and the $1,500 top purse that goes with it. This year's first place prize in the open road bike division is $500 more than last year's purse. The same prize will be awarded to the first finisher in the women's open road bike category.

Road and mountain bike categories will also have competition in various age groups and the Top 3 finishers will win in-kind prizes, like airline tickets, dining gift certificates, and hotel accommodations.

Registration for the Hell of Marianas is ongoing and bikers can enter the solo race, two-person, and four-person event, both in the road and mountain bike categories. Registration fee is $40 for solo, $80 per team in the two-person, and $160 in the four-person squad. Discounted rates are available for members of Saipan Adventure Sports Club.

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CUC Power Plant clings to first place

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CUC Power plant still holds a slim lead in the Bud Light Lime Second Inter-Government Dart League standings thanks to a 10-5 win over second-ranked AG's Piligron at Charlie's Bar last Friday.

The matchup between the two front-running teams started close, but the home team finished strong and fought off the upset. Power Plant won a pair of singles 301 matches and swept both wild cricket games. Then after AG's Piligro swept both partners Burma Half-It games, CUC swept both partners 501 games and took three of the four cricket matches for the automatic win. Power Plant went on to add the final team 1001 match to their total and team member Patrick Taitano won all five of his matches.

Out of 165 games, CUC currently holds a win-loss record of 118-47, which trumped the winning percentage of second place AG's Piligro (122-58). The DPW Trouble Shooters (102-78) is alone in third place.

Weekly notables include a 160 High-In by Ed Diaz of DPH's Oh Yeah! and 120 High-Out by Jayson John of AG's Piligro.

DPW Trouble Shooters 10, DPS Enforcers 5

At Wild Bill's Bar & Grill, the

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Bud Light Lime Second Inter-Government Dart League's DPW Trouble Shooters pose for a photo after their 10-5 home win over the DPS Enforcers last Friday at Wild Bill's Bar & Grill.

Chisato's win makes him top seed in Nov. 11 finale

Ron Chisato raced to the top of the winners bracket and held off Patrick Cepeda to grab Sunday's qualifier for the USS Peleliu Club Veteran's Day Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament.

He knocked off Patrick Cepeda, Annie Tesiro, and John Mongami on his way to the final. Tesiro had notched a win over Erina Olkeriil.

Mongami had taken the Columbus Day final and the Oct. 17 qualifier. He shipped Bill Kaipat and Taylor Watanabe to the losers bracket, but couldn't get past Chisato's superior ball placement.

Chisato

Watanabe took out Rick Rengiil in his first game.

Kaipat came back through the losers bracket when Rengiil scratched on the 8-ball in a close game, then got past Tesiro.

Cepeda mounted a charge of his own, eliminating Olkeriil, Watanabe, and Kaipat, then keeping Mongami from a third finals appearance in a row.

While Cepeda warmed up, Chisato hadn't cooled off during his wait atop the winners bracket. The rematch was closer, but Chisato got the shot he needed to set his position for the game and match winning 8-ball.

Chisato's win was good for a trophy from Pacific Amusement and $20. There is a $5 entry fee for the Veteran's Day qualifying tournaments. Half of the pot is added to the $100 first place and $50 second place prize money put up by USSP for the final. The winner of the qualifier takes the other half of the pot.

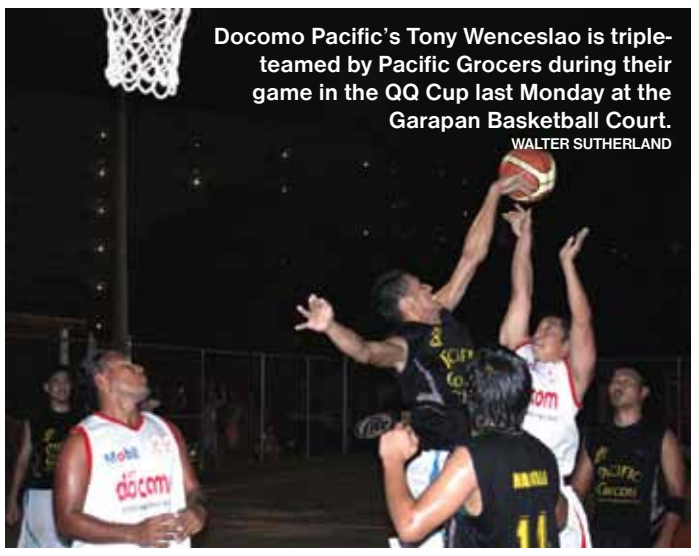
By finishing without a loss, Chisato became the top seed in the Nov. 11 final. He has seven points, followed by Mongami with six and Simeon Kapileo and Cepeda with three. Mei Rengiil and Kaipat have a point apiece.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm for the Sunday qualifiers.

Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. ***(PR)***

Docomo, Wings Travel keep up with Ferrera Builders



Docomo Pacific's Tony Wenceslao is triple-teamed by Pacific Grocers during their game in the QQ Cup last Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.
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Wings Travel and Docomo Pacific both overcame early deficits before coming up with big pushes in the second and fourth quarters of their matchups last Monday as the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup continued following a week of rainouts at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Seeing action in the nightcap, Wings Travel defeated Saimar Pilot, 87-69, and improved to a 5-2 win-loss card, while the Pilots absorbed its fifth loss in seven matches.

Saimar Pilot shot out of the gate to double up Wings Travel, 24-12, in the opening period. Sonny Lerio nailed four three balls to go with three free throws to lead Saimar Pilots. Bernard Aquino scored 10 of the 12 points for Wings Travel.

In an attempt to mount a comeback, Robert Guiang led Wings Travel with 11 markers in the second, but Saimar Pilots maintained a healthy lead, 49-35, at halftime.

Brendon Talania showed up huge for Wings Travel in the third period with 19 points that helped turn the tables on Saimar Pilots, 67-63, with a quarter to go.

After holding Saimar Pilots to only 14 points in the third, Wings Travel shut down their opponents' offense, containing them to a dismal three baskets. Wings Travel had a lot more gas in the tank and cruised to an easy victory in the end.

Talania and Aquino combined for 47 points for Wings Travel, while Lerio led Saimar Pilots with 20.

In the curtain raiser, Docomo overcame a six-point deficit at the start the fourth quarter to beat Pacific Grocers, 98-82, and remained tied for first place in the standings with a 6-1 record. The loss was Pacific Grocers fifth in seven outings.

It was a seesaw match at the start with Pacific Grocers taking the first quarter, 22-20. Leo Apelo led the attack with eight points, while Larry Sharry and Jun Tabora combined for 15 markers for Docomo.

Docomo regrouped in the second and held Pacific Grocers to only 16 points to take a 12-point lead, 50-38, at the half,

Pacific Grocers made some effective halftime adjustments and reclaimed the lead, 74-68, heading into the final period.

Pacific Grocers' offense was their best defense as Eugene Mangali hit three long balls to lead the team with 15 in the quarter and was complimented with the 15 combined points from Jeff Pagarao and Joel Javier.

After a lights out third quarter, Pacific Grocers' offense disappeared and they only managed eight points in the clutch.

Docomo rose to the occasion in the end and blew open the score. Jun Estolas led Docomo with 10 points in the fourth and his team totaled 30 markers in the period to slam the door on Pacific Grocers.

Estolas led Docomo with 23 points, while Pacific Grocers Mangali tallied 21 marks in the loss.

With the wildcard playoffs nearing for the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup, officials have required all players to sign a personal conduct agreement drafted by league director, Rey Perez. The document is a written oath that promotes sportsmanship, camaraderie, basketball fairness, and safety while playing and is intended to deter fighting between teams and minimize heated arguments with referees and league officials. The agreement is also a reminder to competitors about the importance of healthy competition.

First Game

Docomo Pacific 98 – Estolas 23, Tabora 18, Esdrilon 15, Sharry 13, Fernandez 9, Casabuena 6, Galzote 6, Santos 6, Abuan 2.

Pacific Grocers 82 – Mangali 21, Apelo 18, Javier 17, Pagarao 14, Moises 8, Sablan 4.

Scoring by quarters: 20-22, 50-38, 68-74, 98-82.

Second Game

Wings Travel 87 – Talania 24, Aquino 23, Guiang 18, Stafford 7, Moralez 6, Yalung 4, Pantola 3, Diaz 2.

Saimar Pilot 69 – Lerio 20, Itaas 15, Ong 10, Itaas 8, Capalad 6, Doronilla 3, Jugos 2, Musni 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-24, 35-49, 67-63, 87-69.

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Sports

Wings Travel steals masters title

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Junar Guiab scored seven straight points in less than a minute to lift Cabalen-Wings Travel to a thrilling 86-85 victory win over MAFEA-Ebisuya in the winner-take-all championship of the masters division of the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League last Tuesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Guiab capped his string of points with a long jumper from the top key in the last three seconds of the game to give Cabalen its first taste of the lead and the masters championship.

Before Guiab's backbreaking jumper, Francis Rebuyon had a chance to seal the title for MAFEA-Ebisuya when he trooped to the stripe for a pair of charities in the last eight seconds of the game. However, Rebuyon failed to rise to the occasion, muffing both charities.

Guiab collared the rebound and since he could not call a time out with the ball in play, the Cabalen forward wisely dribbled all the way from the back court, passed three Ebi-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Members and coaches of Cabalen-Wings Travel pose with their championship trophy after beating MAFEA-Ebisuya in the finals of the UFO caging, 86-85, last Tuesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

Ol'Aces, Rollers B drub opponents

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Ol'Aces drubbed Hi-5, 84-42, as the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 season carried on last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Trevor Ogumoro set the pace for Ol'Aces and scored the first six points of the game to help establish an early one-basket lead, 12-10, in the opening period.

The Oleai squad pushed on and stretched its lead to nine, 31-22, at halftime. Frank Macahito was the lone player on Hi-5 who consistently created offense and managed nine markers in the first half. Ol'Aces' Ogumoro led all scorers with 15 points in the opening frame.

Ol'Aces blew the lid off the game after the break and extended its lead to 26 points, 57-31, with the last quarter still to go.

Ogumoro added six markers in the third, but more importantly the rest of the Ol'Aces got their hands in on the action, while their defense held Hi-5 to only nine points.

Trailing by 26 points at the start of the final period, Hi-5 would lie down as Ol'Aces doubled them up, 84-42, in the end.

Ogumoro turned in a game-high 21 points, while Macahito tallied 18 marks in the loss.

The win improved Ol'Aces' win-loss card to 4-2 and a tie with third place Rollers A in the U19 standings.

Hi-5's loss evened out its record to 2-2 and positioned them in a tie for fourth place with the G-Stars (2-2), while Agape, who is still looking for its first win after five games, will have their hands full in tonight's 6:30pm matchup against the 4-0 Sparks.

In the first game of last Friday's doubleheader, Rollers B knocked off Agape Saina, 71-58, also at the Ada Gym to improve to 2-4.

Rollers B established an early lead and grinded out a dominating victory. It edged out Agape, 20-18, in the opening period. Agape's Pedro Castro carried his team with 12 points in the first, but Rollers B's John Darag and Savali Talalemotu combined for 13 points to answer his call.

Then both teams slowed down in the second, but Rollers B still managed a six-point advantage, 33-27, thanks in part to its defense holding Agape to only nine points in the quarter.

Rollers B kept plugging away after the break and stretched its lead to 12 markers, 51-39, heading into the last quarter.

Talalemotu came alive with 10 points in the fourth and final quarter, while his team's defense contained Agape to 12 points.

Both teams merely traded baskets

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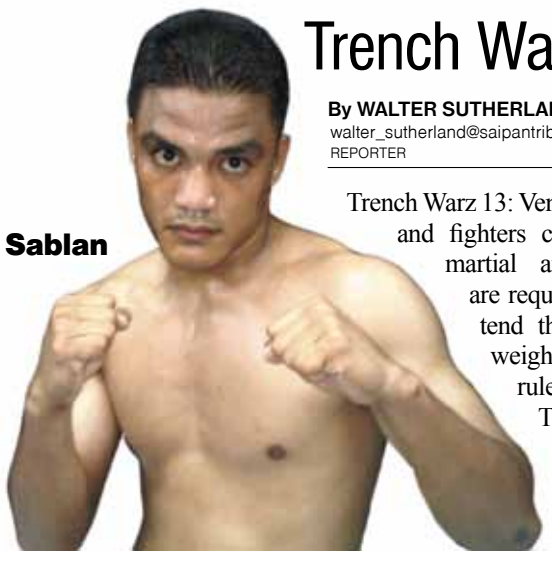
Trench Warz 13: Vengeance weigh-in tonight


Sablan

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Trench Warz 13: Vengeance is just a day away and fighters competing in the mixed martial arts event are required to attend the official weigh-in and rules meeting set tonight at The Flair Bar from 5pm to 8pm.

Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said fans are encouraged to meet and greet the fighters as well as take pictures.

Trench Warz 13: Vengeance hits the octagon cage at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort tomorrow night, Oct. 29.

A total of 13 events are set for Trench Warz 13 with the main event featuring Saipan's pride Trench Tech Purebred's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan (17-5) against Guam's young up-and-coming fighter Cody "Knucklehead" Cruz (3-1) of Guam's

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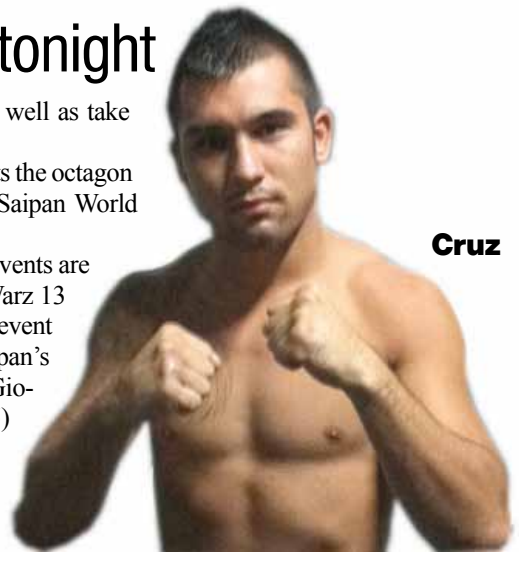
Cruz

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt takes first game

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt's Edmark Mendoza goes for an easy layup in overtime during Game 1 of their title series against MDX-Chow Queen in the open division of the UFO caging last Tuesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt survived a last-gasp stand by defending champion MDX-Chow Queen in Game 1 of their title series in the open division of the 2010 United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Reinforced Basketball League, after eking out a 103-96 overtime win Tuesday night at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The victory in the opener of the best-of-three championship series moved MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt a win away from wrapping up the finals and dethroning MDX-Chow Queen.

The loss was a big disappointment for the beleaguered defending champion, who worked its way back from a 14-point deficit in the second quarter (22-36) and led by

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